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TOLD BY NOSES

Hawaii's Fate is Read by White.

The Senator Says the Treaty Cannot Pass.

Annexationists Will Put in a Resolution.

Two-thirds Majority May not Be Possible in the Senate, but a Majority May Be Had in the Two Houses—Col. Robinson.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The Hawaiian annexation treaty now pending in the Senate of the United States will be defeated. This, at least, is what Senator White says, and he ought to know. Senator White has been in Washington only four days, but in that time he counted noses among the Senators, and says emphatically that the treaty cannot pass.

"I don't know that we will be able to defeat annexation, but certain it is that Hawaii will not be brought in by treaty. If the islands ever become part and parcel of the territory of the United States, they must come in by an act of Congress, never by treaty annexation. I'm opposed to annexation, as I always have been, and shall fight it until the last minute. We have no more use for Hawaii with her 25,000 coolies than for San Domingo."

Col. Richardson of Honolulu, one of a committee of five Hawaiians who came to Washington to protest against annexation, called at the White House today to present a petition from native Hawaiians against annexation.

PHOENIX.
JOINT RESOLUTION.

How the Friends of Annexation Expect to Pass the Treaty.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—It is stated by those in a position to know that the reason the Hawaiian treaty is not pushed in the Senate is because friends of the measure have grave doubts as to their ability to secure the necessary two-thirds vote to pass it.

The impression prevails that it may be necessary to pass a joint resolution to annex the islands. It has been found that a number of Senators who were accounted for the treaty are now against it.

TREATY MUST WAIT.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Davis, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, says he is not ready to proceed with the Hawaiian annexation treaty, and cannot now fix a time at which it will be taken up, though he thinks it will be before the holidays.

INFORMAL CANVASS.
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: "If a vote could be taken today, the proposition to annex the Hawaiian Islands would undoubtedly fail to secure the necessary two-thirds majority. This is the result of an informal canvass of the Senate made since the opening of the session, and it is more or less favorable to the treaty. They say that thus far not over half a dozen of the Democrats have announced themselves as being openly in favor of the treaty. There are about ten of the same party who are admittedly on the fence. At the present time they would vote against the treaty, in all probability, but are expected to be won over in the course of the debate. The remainder of the Democrats, numbering eighteen or so, are apparently hostile to the annexation for various reasons. The full membership of the Senate is ninety. It therefore requires sixty votes to pass the treaty as a treaty, and without resorting to the subterfuge of a joint resolution. Thirty-nine Senators can defeat the treaty, and a much smaller number, if sufficiently belligerent, can prevent action for a long enough time. The opponents of annexation say that the present time they can count on twenty-five Democratic Senators, seven Republicans and three Independents, making a total of thirty-five, or more than enough to defeat the treaty.

There are many Senators who believe that by withholding their votes on Hawaii they may be able to force the President and his advisors to do something for Cuba."

TRADE RELATIONS.

Lord Aberdeen Would Seek Them With the United States.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
TORONTO (Ont.) Dec. 8.—Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, was banqueted tonight at the National Club by a representative committee. The speech of the evening was delivered by Edward Blake, member of the British House of Commons. Mr. Blake replied to the toast of "Canada and the Empire." He spoke of the advantages of cultivating imperial trade relations.

The American University.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—At the semi-annual meeting of the trustees of the American University held today the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Payne of New York, secretary of the Board of Education, presided. The reports of the chancellor, Bishop John F. Hurst, and the vice-chancellor, Dr. Samuel Bell, indicated a growing public interest in the progress of the university, which has now assets aggregating on a conservative basis \$1,000,000. The college of history will be completed in about ten days.

SUGAR STOCK.

The Spreckels Corporation is Listed at New York.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]
NEW YORK Dec. 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The Sugar Trust has a running battle in the "unlisted department" of the New York Stock Exchange. The committee today admitted to quotation \$10,000,000 capital stock of the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company of California. The concern owns plantations and works in Hawaii. Its assets at \$3,915,470.44, and its liabilities at \$1,144,050.45, leaving a difference of \$2,771,419.99 to represent the capital stock.

The officers of the company are: R. Spreckels, president; C. A. Spreckels, M. S. Wilcox and B. J. Hoffacker, directors. The secretary is J. H. Sanford.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The governors of the Stock Exchange today authorized the listing of the following certificates: Northern Pacific Railroad Company, \$1,800,000 additional preferred railway and land grant 4-per-cent. gold coupon bonds; Central Pacific Railway Company, \$3,000,000 fifty-year 5-per-cent. mortgage gold bonds (bondholders' agreement) unlisted securities; Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company, \$10,000,000 capital stock (100,000 shares) \$100 each, on which \$23 per share has been paid in cash.

ALLOW NO CONCESSIONS.

GERMAN WAR VESSELS SHOW THAT THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

Refuse Diplomatic Requests for Delay—Hayti Comes Down Hard—Solely With the Cash and a Letter of Apology—Lively Fusillade at Port au Prince.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]
BERLIN, Dec. 8.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The official account of the German cruiser, the *Albatross*, which was captured by the Haytian fleet, is that the German flag at Port au Prince, owing to the alleged illegal arrest of Herr Emil Lueders, says that after the ultimatum of Germany had been delivered to the Haytian government, the German flag was hoisted, and the German flag was taken up to a position close to the Haytian war vessels.

A diplomatic request for delay in the execution of the ultimatum of Germany was refused, and the ultimatum was executed. The time stipulated in the demands of Germany were conceded and the sum of \$20,000 was paid to the German consul, who is to be paid by the Haytian government.

LIVELY FUSILLADE.
PORT AU PRINCE (Hayti), Dec. 8.—There was a lively fusillade here at 10 o'clock last night. No damage was done.

M. FREDERIQUE ARRESTED.
PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 8.—M. Frederique, managing editor of the *Journal Impartial*, the alleged author of the violent articles attacking the Germans, who is accused of instigating the populace of this place against the government, was arrested today and taken on board a Haytian cruiser, who is to be sent to France.

UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL.
PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 8.—Count Schwerin, German Charge d'Affaires, was received by the President this afternoon. The public mind continues agitated, and all the regulars and the National Guard are in readiness. Shortly before 10 o'clock the President issued a proclamation to the people of Hayti, saying that for the second time Hayti had yielded to German force, contrary to his right. The government, according to the proclamation, had decided to resist even to the last, but owing to the lack of promised moral support from the people, it was obliged to accept the ultimatum. The proclamation invites the Haytian people to cease intestine quarrelling and to labor for the raising-up again of the nation.

CUT IN WAGES.

Fall River Manufacturers of Print Clothing Losing Money.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
FALL RIVER (Mass.) Dec. 8.—The Fall River cotton manufacturers, at a special meeting, voted to reduce the wages of operatives. The cut will not be less than 10 per cent, and will affect about twenty-five thousand employees. The cause of the reduction is the depressed condition of the cotton market, which does not enable print cloth, it is asserted, to be manufactured for the price now prevailing, which is the lowest on record.

ALL MILLS AFFECTED.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
FALL RIVER (Mass.) Dec. 8.—At a general meeting of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association today it was unanimously agreed to reduce all wages in the mills of the city by the amount and time of the reduction being left to a committee which has for its object to charge the character. It is under stood the cut will not be less than 10 per cent, and that it goes into effect January 1. The cut will affect 28,000 operatives who are paid an aggregate weekly wage of \$185,000.

American Church Society.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the American Church Society was held here this afternoon. Gen. Wager Swaine, U.S.A., the president of the society, presided. Bishop Peterson made the opening prayer. The addresses were made by Bishop Peterson, Bishop Whitaker and Rev. W. C. Brown on the work of the society. Gen. Swaine was reflected president.

BOY PLUNGER.

Edward F. Leydon Now Fills a Cell.

Loses Much of His Employer's Money in Wheat.

Then Plays the Races to Square Himself.

Started in With a "Shoestring" on Ponamvannah—But Went Out With Eight Hundred Dollars on Double Quick—He Confesses.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] In vain effort to recoup his wheat-pit losses, Edward F. Leydon, aged 23 years, earned a brief reputation as a plunger in the betting ring at Ingleside and was within \$800 of having won enough money to replace the thousands stolen from his employer, when, in rapid succession, the horses he backed lost, and the heavy hand of the law was laid upon him.

Sunday's newspapers contained accounts of the appearance of a new figure in the ring at Ingleside—a boy who plunged with the sang froid of a Riley Grannan, and who, starting with a "shoestring," wound up the day, Saturday, with winnings of several thousand dollars to his credit. According to the story told by Leydon's employer, the young man had \$3000 to begin his operations Saturday—money that had been entrusted to him for deposit on that day. According to the lad's own story he won \$2000 Saturday, but that sum was insufficient to balance his accounts with N. K. Masten, financial agent for the Southern Pacific and president of the Mariposa and Phoenix Railway.

Leydon entered Masten's employ as office-boy when 12 years of age, and had graduated through various stages of advancement to a position of trust. At prison tonight he said: "It is the same old story of a man occupying a position of trust, using his employer's funds with which to gamble. I have indulged in all forms of gambling, but began in the wheat-pit, and would have been ahead but for the failure of Wheelock & Co., my brokers, who owed me \$1200 when they failed. I got behind \$400 in the September wheat deals, and this deficit gradually increased until I was carrying an overdraft of \$3000. I now owe my employer \$2000, and I do not regret my imprudence half so much as that the losses must fall upon my employer.

"I went to the track on Saturday, determined to do or die. It is a mistake to say I had \$3000 on deposit Saturday. The amount of my shortage on that day was \$3500, including the amount of an overdraft of \$3000 that I had been carrying for some time. At

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SENATOR WHITE LETS ALGER DOWN EASY.

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Senate Proceeding to Discuss the Message.

Pension Appropriation Bill Up in the House.

Banking and Currency Measures Go to Sub-Committee—Senator Gage's Bill to Settle the Kansas Pacific Debt—Vital Questions.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Senator White today received word from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and also from The Times, saying the San Pedro advertisements will appear in The Times of December 10. Not wishing needlessly to antagonize Secretary Alger, the Senator decided to hold his resolution calling on the War Department for the letter from Gen. Wilson, referred to in my dispatch last night, in abeyance.

PHOENIX.
SENATE AND HOUSE.

Mr. Allen Attacks the President's Cuban Policy—Pensions.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Today's session of the Senate occupied less than an hour, the time principally being consumed by the members in the presentation of memorials, resolutions and bills.

A resolution presented by Mr. Allen (Pop.) of Nebraska, declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the United States should recognize the political independence of Cuba, was made the subject of some remarks by the Nebraska Senator, in the course of which he criticized the President for not carrying into effect the promise of the Republican party, made in its last national platform, to recognize the independence of the Cubans.

At the conclusion of Mr. Allen's speech, the Senate, on motion of Mr. Hoar, adjourned as a further mark of respect to the late Representative Ashley B. Wright of Massachusetts.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.
REGULAR SESSION.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—SENATE.—In his invocation at the opening of the Senate today, Rev. W. H. M. Murn, the chaplain, delivered a brief but touching eulogy of the late Senator George of Mississippi.

Mr. Davis of Minnesota reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations a bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean. He asked immediate consideration of the bill, but Mr. Hale of Maine objected on the ground of the importance of the measure, and asked that the bill be printed.

Mr. Allen of Nebraska presented a resolution declaring that it be the sense of the Senate that Congress should, with all due and convenient speed, acknowledge by appropriate act the political independence of the Republic of Cuba. Mr. Allen said that he had long urged that the United States should recognize the independence of the Cuban Republic, and that Congress should, with the recognition of belligerence, but would insist upon the acknowledgment of absolute political liberty. He was warmly applauded by the members of the Senate, who were not content with the course advised by the administration. Inasmuch as the Cubans for more than two years on many battlefields had demonstrated their valor and love for liberty, he felt that they had earned a recognition of their political liberty, and that it ought to be accorded to them without further temporizing.

If necessary, this recognition should be backed by a fleet of American vessels in Cuban waters. He expressed a belief that the owners of Spanish bonds in this country, American citizens holding property in Cuba that had been injured or destroyed by the insurgents, and the carrying trade of the country, which might be affected by such a step, had joined to prevent the recognition of Cuba's political independence.

MR. ALLEN THINKS.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
Mr. Allen expressed the belief that President McKinley's statement in his message that the recognition of the belligerence of the Cuban insurgents is now unwise, and therefore inadvisable, would be a great disappointment to the members of the Republican party throughout the United States. The national convention of that party had declared for the independence of Cuba, going farther than the simple recognition of belligerence. He thought that the President was under obligations to carry out the pledge which his party had made—a pledge which had been made to seventy-three millions of people.

The President, Mr. Allen thought, had been lulled to sleep by the declaration of Spain that she would give Cuba a semi-political existence. He expressed the belief that the President's neglect to take such action as would insure the political independence of Cuba as an exhibition of "rank hypocrisy" and a "flagrant neglect of public duty," which would be corrected by the All-Ruling Power in His own good time.

At the conclusion of Mr. Allen's remarks, Mr. Hoar presented a resolution expressing the regret of the Senate at the news of the death of Representative Ashley B. Wright of Massachusetts, and providing for an adjournment as a further mark of respect. At 12:55 o'clock the resolution was adopted, and the Senate adjourned.

THE HOUSE.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]
HOUSE.—The session of the House today lasted only fifteen minutes. Mr. Stone (Rep.) of Pennsylvania reported the Pension Appropriation Bill, the first of the appropriation bills and

the track I won \$2000, beating every race, and on Monday I deposited \$1800 to the credit of my employer. Up to today I had been successful, and went to the track this afternoon with over \$1200. I believed I had a sure thing on Ponamvannah and Double Quick, and had I beaten them I would have deposited sufficient to square myself, and would have quite gambling forever. I bet \$480 on Ponamvannah to show, and he came in third. I put up \$300 on Double Quick straight and he came second, and here I am in jail, almost broke, when I was at one time within \$800 of having enough money to square up."

His eyes were red with weeping as he told the story.

"Gambling ruined me," he said, "and I determined to end it all, and do or die. Why, I have not been able to sleep and have not gone to work sober for months. The strain on my mind and system was killing me. I had never bet much on races up to Saturday. At one time I bet \$70, my own money, my wages, but that did not hurt any one but me. I could only get away to the track once a week, and had no betting commissioner. Saturday last was a desperate plunge to get even, and it failed."

CONSTABLE LYNCHED.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

Coal Miners Take a Prisoner from the Officer Who Was Choked to Death and a Dozen Bullets Fired into Him.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
FORT SMITH (Ark.) Dec. 8.—James Murray, constable at Jenny Lind, a coal-mining town, in Sebastian county, was lynched Sunday night by a mob of coal miners. Constable Murray went to Bonanza Sunday afternoon to arrest a miner named McBroom. He captured McBroom without trouble, and started for Jenny Lind about midnight. That was the last seen of Murray alive. The constable's body was found lying near the roadside, about thirty yards from the shaft of the Bonanza mine. His hands were tied securely behind his body, and his neck was black and blue, showing plainly the imprint of a rope, which had choked the life out of his body. Blood oozed from a dozen bullet wounds in the officer's body and his clothing was torn into shreds.

The coroner began an investigation, and it has been fully developed that he was waylaid by a mob of McBroom's friends, composed of miners, determined upon rescuing the prisoner, and that Murray was lynched, the body cut down and placed by the roadside. Mr. McBroom was arrested today.

STARTLING REPORT.

That a Thousand Troops Had Gone Down at Sea.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
LONDON, Dec. 8.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The rumor cabled from Halifax that the British troop ship *Avoca*, bound from Jamaica for Cape Town, with a thousand troops on board, has drifted off the coast of Cape Town, according to a telegram received today from Tenerife, the *Avoca*, supposed to be the troop ship, had arrived at Ascension Island, though the date of arrival is not given.

It is noted, as bearing on the two dispatches, that the first battalion of the Liverpool Regiment, consisting of

gave notice that he should call it up immediately after the reading of the Journal tomorrow.

The Committee on Elections and the Committee on Banking and Currency were given leave to sit during the recesses of the House. The House adjourned at 12:15 o'clock, the House adjourned.

BANKING AND CURRENCY.

First Meeting of the Committee-Secretary Gage's Bill.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The House Committee on Banking and Currency, which has the shaping of a considerable portion of the financial legislation before the House, held its first meeting this morning and outlined its general plan of action. In view of Secretary Gage's recommendation of a comprehensive revision of currency and banking affairs, a resolution was adopted inviting the Secretary to embody his views in a bill. The committee was informed that the Secretary was now at the Treasury, and that it would be available for the committee in about a week.

Mr. Hill of Connecticut then presented a sharp debate by moving that the committee move at once by reporting to the House a bill embodying three financial features which had the President's approval. These were embodied in a bill heretofore offered by Mr. Brewster of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Hill now proposed that the first three sections be placed before the House immediately. The three sections were: First, a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the establishment of small banks in rural communities.

Mr. Hill said that the committee would do well not to go through the tedious process of considering and dividing these three propositions, which are accepted by the general public, and had received executive approval. Mr. Johnson of Indiana earnestly opposed such hasty action. He said there should be time to hear from the gentleman forming the Monetary Commission, and to weigh all provisions. Precipitate action on such a vital subject would be a serious mistake, and the committee before the House and the country.

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SUB-COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Chairman Walker announced four sub-committees and assigned to each a number of the banking and currency bills already introduced.

The sub-committees will begin work at once on the bills before them, each sub-committee having charge of the bills introduced by its members. The Walker sub-committee system is the new plan for the handling of the banking and currency bills already introduced.

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tion, involving the retirement of the greenbacks, the limitation of the legal-tender quality of silver, or the issuing of gold bonds for the retirement of greenbacks pass the Senate?

There was practically a unanimous sentiment that nothing can be done. On this point there was not an affirmative vote. The negatives were largely in the majority, and the doubt expressed by certain Senators virtually meant a negative.

To the Senate on the matter of annexation, this proposition was submitted. The proposition was:

"Do you favor the annexation of Hawaii?"

No single straight Republican was found in opposition, but Cannon and Pettigrew, the silver Senators, voted in favor of it. All the leaders of the House thought it was done. With the exceptions of Morgan, Pettigrew, Rawlins and Turpie.

The exact form of the vote taken upon the question of arbitration was this:

"Do you favor the adoption of a general arbitration treaty with Great Britain?"

Among the Republicans found in the negative were Elkins, Fry and Baker, going with Cockerill, Mills, Morgan and Murphy. The Democrats were in the affirmative. The greater lights in the Republican party who leaned toward an affirmative view were Allison, Foraker, Hanna, Hawley, Morrill and Hoar, but many of the Senators who wished to be recorded in the affirmative qualified their declarations by saying that they were not in favor of exactly what such a treaty should comprise, and what its exact conditions might be.

Upon Cuban question, these two propositions were submitted to the members of the House:

"Do you favor the joint resolution passed by the Senate at the extra session declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba?"

"Do you favor a resolution acknowledging the independence of Cuba?"

The first proposition seemed to meet with the views of the greater portion of the known friends of insurgents, although the Republicans were far behind the Democrats in numbers. Among those on the Republican roll who voted for the resolution were: Belknap, Boutelle, Danford, Davenport, Dorr, Grow, Henry of Indiana, Robinson, Stevens and Overstreet. All the Democrats voted in the affirmative.

The second proposition, which was introduced by Mr. Tamm, was also voted upon. The result was as follows:

For the resolution: 100 yeas, 100 nays.

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side of the three-mile limit, the law prohibiting the destruction of seals "in the waters of Alaska" did not apply to pelagic sealing on the high seas.

In consequence of the American vessels were in effect legalized, and quite a number of American vessels have been sealing in Bering Sea, although the government has been seeking to show that this sealing was unjustifiable. It is expected that this step by the United States will have a salutary effect on the negotiations now in progress between Great Britain, Canada and the United States. Mr. Hill will call the bill up tomorrow, and the purpose is to have it reported and passed with the least delay possible.

Is Anxious to Have His Man Go Against Four Men, With Dal Hawkins Preferred.

WILL MEET HIM ANYWHERE.

DEPOSIT PUT UP WITH THE BALTIMORE HERALD.

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SUPREME COURT RULING TO HELP IT ALONG.

Judgment of Judge Bahrs in Remanding the Prisoner to San Quentin Reaffirmed.

HE MUST BE RESENTENCED.

SUPERIOR COURT MAY DO THE RESENTENCING TODAY.

Gov. Sadler Denounces the Lynching in Nevada—Domestic Axiomat—Porter for a Clock-maker—U.S.S. Marion.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Late this afternoon the Supreme Court disposed of the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary opinion of his two appeals.

In a written opinion from the pen of Chief Justice Beatty, which is concurred in by all but one of his colleagues, the court affirms the judgment of Judge Bahrs in remanding the prisoner to San Quentin until the date set for his execution, but reverses that sentence and remands the case to the Superior Court with instructions to proceed according to law.

As the remittitur was ordered issued forthwith and the court holds that execution can only be stayed, now by the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus, it only remains to resentence the condemned murderer, which will probably be done tomorrow.

Justice Garoutte alone dissented from this opinion, maintaining that Durrant's appeals should have been dismissed as the time required by law for their perfection had been allowed to lapse.

CLOCKMAKER'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Foreign Patent Bureau Makes an Offer for His Inventions.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
PACIFIC GROVE, December 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] A fortune of \$120,000 came today to a struggling Monterey clock-maker, Joseph Schulte, Jr., who has been plotting and planning for years a revolution in the watch and clock industry. Today his parents arrived from Washington and simultaneously there came an offer from a foreign patent bureau of \$120,000 for the right of his two patents.

By means of his inventions ordinary watches can be made to run eight days and eight-day clocks to run for a month, keeping perfect time while pendulum clocks, no matter how much out of perpendicular, will keep themselves in perfect beat. Hon. T. J. Field owns a half interest with Schulte.

VENTILATING VENTILATED.

San Joaquin's Board of Supervisors Makes Investigation.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
STOCKTON, Dec. 8.—The Board of Supervisors yesterday accepted a bid for ventilation and heating the Court-house for \$11,000. Last night one of the unsuccessful bidders reported about town that he had heard that \$5000 was used, and that a contractor named Doyle, and J. W. McCarthy, ex-clerk of the Supreme Court, had handled it.

This morning the Board of Supervisors was called together, and an investigation was had before closed doors. When a lot of witnesses were called. There was no evidence of money having been used, and a resolution to that effect was adopted. Both Doyle and McCarthy made a vigorous denial, and there was nothing but rumor to justify the story. The contractor who related the story refused to give the source of his information.

EXTORTION AT STOCKTON.

The Grand Jury Investigating the Stockton Police Department.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
STOCKTON, Dec. 8.—The grand jury, which has been in session several days today, called as witnesses a number of disreputable women to inquire into the charge that some officer of the police department tried to collect money from them for alleged protection. Yesterday the jury had a lot of Chinese before the body to inquire into the practice of using money to secure police protection for the many lotteries and tan games now running here. It is believed by some of the jurymen that Chinese bribes have reached the police department, and, if possible, the matter is to be probed to the bottom.

Such scandals have been heard here before, and the present administration is not alone under investigation. John Gall, formerly a saloon-keeper, is the present Chief of Police, and has the detailing of the men of his district, the various districts. He has not been called as a witness, but may be brought in next week, when the jury will meet again.

DAMAGED BY BREAKERS.

Southern Pacific Track Endangered Near Pacific Grove.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
PACIFIC GROVE, Dec. 8.—The storm of yesterday increased in severity during the night, and considerable damage was done by the breakers this morning. The rocks buttressing along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks was washed away in places between New Monterey and Pacific Grove. The damage was speedily repaired, however.

The harbor of Monterey suffered less from the storm than adjacent places, but several light fishing boats were torn from their moorings and carried out to sea.

ARIZONA BONDS.

The Outstanding Balance "Lifted" by Eastern Capital.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
PHOENIX (Ariz.), Dec. 8.—An arrangement was entered into today between the Territorial Loan Commission, comprising the Governor, Territorial Secretary and Territorial Auditor, and Frank M. Murphy, president of the Santa Fé, Prescott and Phoenix Railway, representing eastern clients, whereby the outstanding balance of the Territorial floating debt is to be lifted by the purchase of \$250,000 in Territorial 5-per-cent bonds, running fifty years.

The transaction will not be completed for a month or more, as new bonds must be printed and signed by the territorial officials. The purchasers, though yet unnamed, are known to be connected with the Illinois Trust Company of Chicago. The price secured for the bonds is par and several thousand dollars in accrued interest.

TEMPETUOUS PASSAGE.

British Steamer Alcoa Arrives in Port—The Pelican.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THIS TIMES.]
PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The British steamer Alcoa, for whose safety fears have been entertained, arrived from Moll tonight, eight days overdue. Capt. Frazer had a most tempestuous voyage. A succession of storms was encountered, and the vessel's safety was endangered. The steamer of 487 tons register, capable of carrying 12,000 tons of dead weight, was buffeted about in the trough of the sea like a cork.

The vessel was in ballast, and that made the conditions still more perilous. The wind blew from all points of the compass, and the heavy sea was so high that the vessel was unable to make headway. For hours the vessel heaved to, only to drift into valleys of water made by the fierce seas that surrounded them. On the fourth day out, in a living gal, a steamer heading for the Japan coast was sighted, apparently all right.

"This could not have been the Pelican, now forty days overdue with a cargo of railroad ties from the Sound for Tamsin. She could not be in that position very well at the time," said Capt. Frazer.

This statement is agreed to by sea captains, who assert that the Pelican is still safe. They advance the theory that she has broken down and is drifting out of her course, but will be picked up and towed to some port. They claim that the vessel because of her cargo cannot very well sink. Others do not join in encouraging the opinion.

SAN DIEGO SNUBBED.
Will not Get the Marion for a Frigate.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Lieut. Hughes of the Hydrographic Office of this city, who was appointed by the government to act as instructor for the Naval Reserve, reports that the United States steamship Marion will not be sent to San Diego to serve as a practice ship for the Naval Reserve Battalion of that city, but will remain at San Francisco. The U.S.S. Pinta, a smaller, but fully as serviceable vessel, will probably be commissioned to proceed south and take up quarters at San Diego Bay.

One of the most important reasons for keeping the Marion at San Francisco is that the ship of her class have to undergo at stated intervals a general overhauling. The ship has to be taken to the yard and the engine, boiler and other parts of the machinery sent to the navy yard at San Diego for overhauling. The cost of sending her between ports would amount to a great deal in a year of time, and it is better to keep her at San Francisco, where she can be overhauled at the navy yard.

The Pinta is in excellent condition. She is a very comfortable little vessel, and a few repairs will render her a splendid craft for training purposes. She will be fitted with rapid-fire guns, and many of the modern appliances of war. She will be given her full complement of boats and a steam launch.

THE KLONDIKE INVASION.

Ex-Gov. James Shackley to Act as Boom Agent.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The Alaska Trade Committee has closed a contract with James Shackley, for ten years Governor of Alaska, by which he will take charge of the San Francisco headquarters in Chicago. Accompanied by several other gentlemen, he will go East in a special car, stopping en route to point out the advantages of this city as an outfitting point for the Klondike.

Advices received by the committee are to the effect that 3000 men from the counties of Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings will go north in the spring.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 8.—A letter received here today from E. S. Holden, dated Dawson City, October 14, which confirms reports of the lack of food at that place, states that he is paying \$200 per day for food for his party of twenty-five men, and that he has just received a letter from his partner, who is now in the city, stating that he has a half-interest in two of the richest claims on Bonanza camp, and that his partner employs twenty-five miners.

NEVADA'S LYNCHING.

Gov. Sadler Denounces It and Will Offer a Reward.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
CARSON (Nev.), Dec. 8.—Gov. Sadler of Nevada denounces the work of the mob yesterday morning in Genoa in the lynching of Aaron Theras as an example of the barbarism which he says that upon proper application from the authorities of Douglas county he will offer a reward for the apprehension of the leaders and accessories to the crime.

Theras' body in the morgue today gave evidence of having been beaten, shot and bruised beyond recognition. The eyes had been punctured out, and one arm broken. The authorities claim to have several slight clues to the identity of the perpetrators, and the lynchers may be apprehended in a few days.

THEIR LABOR LOST.

German Bark Potrimpos a Total Loss Near Astoria.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
ASTORIA (Or.), Dec. 8.—For six months the Ford & Stokes Company of this city, purchasers of the German bark Potrimpos, which went ashore on North Beach, December 19, 1896, has been laying its plans and making strenuous efforts to float the vessel. Expert wreckers were engaged, four or five pumping engines, steam winches and other valuable machinery were placed upon her and a few days ago Lawrence Ford of San Francisco arrived on the scene and took charge of the operations. A short time ago every preparation was made to float the ship at the present high tide, but today disaster unexpectedly overtook their efforts.

A special dispatch from the scene of the wreck to the Astoria says the bark Potrimpos capsized on her beam end at 9:45 o'clock this morning. She has been afloat for the past two days. Yesterday she moved about two hundred and fifty feet further north on the beach. About 9:30 o'clock this morning she carried away the port

chock, tearing up the bulwarks and throwing the strain well down to the ship. This prevented the men in charge from keeping her to the sea, and there being no ballast aboard, at 9:45 o'clock she turned over her beam ends toward the sea so that her spar struck the sand. At the time of the accident there were fourteen men aboard, including Mr. Ford, Capt. Drisko, but all reached the shore safely by means of shore lines attached to the ship. Engineer James Carroll had a narrow escape. Both life-saving crews from Fort Canby and Long Beach arrived here shortly after the men got ashore.

The ship lies about one hundred and fifty feet from the drift logs, and is pretty well sanded, but Ford has hopes of saving her.

RAILROAD EXTENSION.

Sound for the Beet-sugar Grounds at Watkinson.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Articles of consolidation, amalgamation and incorporation of the Pajaro Valley Railroad Company and the Pajaro Extension Railroad Company were filed today in the Superior Court. The corporation known as the Pajaro Consolidated Railroad Company. The incorporators and directors are Claus Spreckels, W. C. Water, John D. Spreckels, W. C. Waters and Samuel Sussman.

The capital stock of the organization is \$1,000,000, of which 10 per cent, has been subscribed and paid in. This road, of which about thirty-one miles are in operation, will connect the beet-sugar grounds with the factory at Watsonville.

SLAB OF QUARTZ.

California's Card of Invitation to "Quartz Mining."

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—A slab of quartz, with veins of gold prominently showing, will convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold.

Chairman Parsons of the Executive Committee has promised to secure a suitable piece of the precious rock, and will have engraved on its face the message which will bid the President come to California to receive a miner's welcome.

HER UNCLE'S ESTATE.

Catherine Smith Presents a Claim for Many Millions.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
EUREKA, Dec. 8.—The claim was presented in the court of Catherine Smith to the estate of her uncle, Thomas Coleman, who died over thirty years ago. At that time over \$5,000,000 was turned into the State treasury and has not before been claimed. Of the four original heirs, only one, Catherine Smith, is now living. She is now a widow and the other two have not been heard of for over twenty years.

The case is an unusual one and contains a problem of accounting upon which the statutes are said to be very vague. The case was taken under advisement.

Water by Flume.

JAMESTOWN, Dec. 8.—The Tuolumne County Water Company's flume, which has been shut for some time, was opened today, and water reached this city this evening. The dam of the flume here, were washed out some time ago, and the stamp mills had to depend entirely on the water supply from the river. Over two months many of the mills have been shut down, but they will be re-opened at once. The dam has been reconstructed, and the company will be in a position in the future to furnish an abundance of water.

He Was a Millionaire's Son.

FRESNO, Dec. 8.—It has been learned that W. W. Treadwell, who died in the hospital of this county on Sunday last, was the son of a millionaire family in New Jersey. The remains of the deceased have been embalmed by a local undertaker and will be taken to New Jersey for interment.

Reunion of Veterans.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 8.—A reunion of members of the Grand Army and kindred organizations of this county was held here today. The gathering was held in the hall of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was attended by a large number of veterans. A campfire was held this evening at Turner Hall drew a crowd of over fifteen hundred people.

Extortion at Stockton.

STOCKTON, Dec. 8.—The grand jury was in session today, and a number of disreputable women were summoned before the body, where they were examined. It is said that the grand jury is investigating the actions of two men who served in the police force for a short time, and who are said to have extorted money from the women who are being examined today. Sensational indictments are expected to be returned.

Leased a Marble Quarry.

JAMESTOWN, Dec. 8.—A rumor which is generally credited, was circulated here today that Prince Poniatowski and T. S. Bullock, the principal owners of the Sierra Marbles, had leased the Columbia Marble Works and would soon put a large force of men to work on the quarry. San Francisco capitalists are supposed to have an interest in the proposition.

Claimed Al-Ki Mine Lands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Lincoln Brod of Butte county is on trial for perjury in the United States District Court. The perjury of which he is accused is alleged to have been committed in filing claims for the land on which the Al-Ki mine is located. Before the register of the land office at Marysville, in making his filings, he swore that the land was chiefly valuable for the timber on it.

Narrowly Missed Wrecking.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The bark Marlborough Hill narrowly escaped being wrecked today, just outside the Golden Gate. She was being towed in by the tug Rescue, when the hawser parted and became entangled in the screw of the tug. Fortunately the bark was under sail, and succeeded in passing Bonita reef by a narrow margin. Other tugs then went to the rescue of both vessels.

Stockton Woman Dead.

STOCKTON, Dec. 8.—Mrs. H. W. Weaver, wife of ex-County Clerk Weaver, died this morning from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, which she sustained last Monday morning. The deceased lady was widely and favorably known in the county. She was the mother of Mrs. Charles Littlehale, Mrs. John Galt Eckert and Daniel Weaver, all of whom, with her husband, survive her.

Rev. Cushman Dead.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 8.—Rev. C. W. Cushman, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died today in San Clara at the age of 80 years. He was a pioneer of 1849, and was well-known throughout the State. He

was a Deputy Collector of the Port of San Francisco under Collector Rankin. The remains will be taken to San Francisco for burial.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE.
FRESNO, Dec. 8.—The Farmers' Institute is in session here today and will continue until tomorrow evening. This body, under the auspices of the Old Farmers' Association, is held for the purpose of discussing the various phases of agriculture and the various phases of the agricultural industry.

PROMINENT FARMER DEAD.
STOCKTON, Dec. 8.—James C. Shields, a prominent young farmer of Tracy, died yesterday, and the remains were interred this afternoon under the auspices of the Old Farmers' Association and the Native Sons, of which orders he was a member. Deceased was a native of California, and ran for the Legislature in 1894.

CHINESE ELOPERS ARRESTED.
FRESNO, Dec. 8.—Wong Chuck, Wong Gong and Chew Fong were arrested near Caruthers, on the West Side, by Deputy Sheriff Rappell. They were charged with the abduction of Henry Fong, a Chinese girl. The men drove off with the girl two days ago, and their team broke down. They pleaded that it was an elopement.

SENT FOR THE OFFICERS.
FRESNO, Dec. 8.—William Delashmunt, the absconding City Marshal of Selma, has been arrested at Jerome, Ariz. He was short \$45 on license collections in Selma. Delashmunt grew tired of being hunted from town to town, and telegraphed for the Chief of this city to come and arrest him.

No Leniency Given.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 8.—Superior Judge Hart today sentenced Thomas Johnson to ten years and Fred Bernard to seven years in Folsom for burglary of a store in Galt. In passing sentence upon the prisoners, Judge Hart declared that his court would never show leniency to a robber or burglar. Bernard is but 19 years of age.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.
JAMESTOWN, Dec. 8.—Paul Kramer, a stranger, was found dead in bed this morning in his tent. The coroner's inquest today developed the cause of death as being suicide by taking morphine. He was a German, about 40 years of age. No letters were left by him, and his only possessions were a few articles of clothing. He was formerly a resident at Angels. About \$4 was found in his pockets.

SPECKELS BUYING CALIFORNIA'S LAND.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Twelve thousand acres of the San Lorenzo ranch in Monterey county have been purchased by Claus Spreckels from H. King. The price paid was \$250,000. The land is situated near King City, and about seven thousand of the 12,000 acres are adapted to the cultivation of sugar beets.

LARGE FRESNO MORTGAGE.
FRESNO, Dec. 8.—One of the largest mortgages ever placed on record in this county was filed today by Jefferson G. James and wife to the German Savings and Loan Society of San Francisco for \$100,000. The rate of interest is 8 per cent, and the security is the note of his extensive holdings on the West Side.

California Veterinarians.

OAKLAND, Dec. 8.—The California State Veterinary Medical Association today elected the following officers: President, Dr. G. A. Faulkner, vice-president, Dr. D. F. Fox, secretary, Dr. C. L. Magowan, treasurer.

Blew His Head Open.

PORTLAND (Or.), Dec. 8.—Alfred J. Mundy, an express messenger for Wells, Fargo & Co. committed suicide today at his home near Mount Tabor by blowing the top of his head off with a revolver. His health caused him to take his life. He leaves a widow and three children.

Fruit Dealer Assassins.

STOCKTON, Dec. 8.—L. R. Carlisle, fruit-dealer, died a painful death today. His indebtment amounts in round figures to \$3500, and his assets to \$1400, of which about \$200 worth are exempt from execution. The creditors are San Francisco commission men.

Floater in the San Joaquin.

STOCKTON, Dec. 8.—The dead body of a man was found floating in the San Joaquin River this morning. The indications are that he was a laborer and between 30 and 40 years of age. The corpse was fished to the bank with a rope, and the Coroner was telephoned for.

Asphyxiated With Gas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Mary Husemann, aged 40 years, a German domestic, residing at No. 1216 Ellis street, was found dead in her bedroom this morning, having been asphyxiated by gas, and the facts surrounding her death indicate suicide.

Schooner Ward Wrecked.

YANCOUVER (B. C.), Dec. 8.—The schooner E. C. Ward was wrecked yesterday on a sandbar at the mouth of the Fraser River while carrying stone from Whistman to New Westminster. The captain and crew barely escaped with their lives.

Rainfall in San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 8.—The rainfall for the storm amounts to .82 of an inch, and for the season 2.48 inches. Same date last year, .65 inches. It is not raining this morning.

Children's Home Finders.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 8.—The Children's Home-finding Society of California held its annual meeting here today.

Have Courage

Even when the bleak air is full of rumors that the grip is around looking for victims. No doubt the rumors are true; but the disease won't find you if, at the first sign of a shiver, you have recourse to

Duffy's Pure Malt Whisky.

By stirring the torpid blood it keeps up the supply of that animal heat, which alone is a defense against the ills of cold and damp. Pure as Alpine snow, full of healing power, the most useful thing in the housekeeper's medicine chest. It gives a perfect circulation and that, as Dr. Magendie says, "is the secret of perfect health."

Druggists and Grocers have it.

its annual meeting today in this city. All of the old officers were re-elected. State Superintendent H. W. Brayton's report showed that during the past year homes were found for 105 children.

Well Supplied With Charges.
SANTA ROSA, Dec. 8.—W. A. Chapman, ex-superintendent of the Cotalet Company, has been charged with embezzlement against him, four others being filed this afternoon. Chapman is out on bail.

Coming by Boat.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Mrs. B. B. B. was a passenger for San Pedro on the steamer Eureka today. T. Murray was also a passenger.

Ex-Chief Hoelke Dead.
SAN JOSE, Dec. 8.—Rudolph Hoelke, a prominent San Josean and ex-chief of the fire department of this city, died today after a short illness.

Rain at San Diego.
SAN DIEGO, Dec. 8.—The storm reached this city tonight, and a light rain has been falling since 8 o'clock.

Mayor of Astoria.
ASTORIA (Or.), Dec. 8.—Isaac Bergman, Citizens' candidate, was elected Mayor of the city today.

WILD DEPUTY SHERIFF.

AL GRAHAM, DRUNK, RAISES A DISTURBANCE.

He loses His Pistol and Tries to Seize Subpoenaed at 1:30 O'clock in the Morning—Tried to Kick in the Doors and Was Restrained by the Police.

A drunken deputy sheriff succeeded in making life miserable for people living in the vicinity of Broadway and Fourth street, last night. After attempting to kick in doors of several rooms in the Blakesley rooming-house, at No. 525 South Broadway, he was finally subdued by two policemen, who led him away and turned him loose.

The deputy sheriff, who imagined himself not only immune from prosecution, but licensed to create a disturbance while drunk, is Al Graham, a deputy under Sheriff Burr. Last night he visited the East Side to serve a subpoena, and while in that portion of the town contracted a jag for the ownership of which he would probably have picked another under arrest.

About 1:30 o'clock this morning, he appeared at the Blakesley rooming-house and demanded to see H. J. Hughes. He explained that he had a subpoena for Hughes, commanding him to appear before the grand jury at 10 o'clock today as a witness in the investigation of McIntyre, the juror in the Compton case, who is alleged to have received \$100 as a bribe. Graham then visited the rooms one at a time, and proceeded to kick in the doors whenever he was refused entrance.

The landlord expostulated, but Graham only became belligerent and was backed up by the janitor of the Silver Republican Club of this city, who accompanied Graham. After Graham had created a disturbance which aroused the neighborhood, a telephone message was sent to the Police Station and Officer Robbins started for the scene on his wheel. He met Officer Spencer, of whose beat the trouble occurred, and the two placed Graham under restraint.

When the officers arrived Graham had a new grievance. He had just discovered that he had lost his pistol, and was accusing every one within range of having stolen it. After considerable parley, Graham was induced to leave the house with the officers, who did not, however, place him under arrest, as no one was found who was willing to swear to a complaint. At Second street and Broadway Graham promised to go straight to Whittier, where, he explained, he had more subpoenas to serve, and the officers permitted him to go.

We'll Take the Risk.
[Denver Post.] With the Union Pacific Railroad under his wing, and that Los Angeles and St. Louis line completed, Vanderbilt will have a system that will rival Cullis F. Huntington's grab-it-all line.

Christmas Shoppers

Will find Hale's doubly worth visiting this week. Our display of Holiday Novelties is now unsurpassed, and the assortment is varied and unlimited, though the little prices will surely close out many lines by Saturday. In addition to such unusual choosings you have the privilege of

A Free Luncheon

served daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., by one of the most famous manufacturers of food supplies, thus the fatigue of shopping is greatly relieved. Don't fail to examine our Christmas Goods before the lines are broken, and before these ladies leave—then you must come before Saturday.

Dolls, 16 in. to 24 in., 50c to \$4.50.
Games, new, comical, amusing, 3c to \$3.00.
Books of stories and pictures, 3c to \$2.00.
Toilet Articles, newest and best, 10c to \$1.00.

Our Holiday Bulletin is issued. If you have not seen it tell us—you shall, it's important.

Hale's Co.
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[AT THE U. S. BUILDING.]
ONE YEAR EACH.

Mikkelsen and Irving Both Sentenced Yesterday.

Peter Mikkelsen, the poor old veteran who personated John C. Svenningsen in order to gain admission to the Soldiers' Home and the privilege of drawing a few dollars of pension, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Welborn to one year in San Quentin at hard labor. Much sympathy is felt for the old man, who is past 70 and very frail, but the law is rigid in the matter of any leniency in the pension laws, and this was the lightest sentence that could be imposed under the circumstances.

John C. Irving, who broke open a mail box last August, was sentenced to one year in the County Jail.

An Uncertain Factor.
[Chicago Chronicle.] The very moderate tone of Emperor William's speech from the throne is probably due to the fact that he didn't write it himself. The contrast between the guarded statements of the speech itself and the impromptu remarks in which he indulged in a conclusion that a cooler and clearer head than William's composed the imperial address. The speech is conservative in tone, and would be highly reassuring if it were not for the knowledge that the Emperor is liable at any time to kick over the traces, repudiate all his peaceful utterances, and once more take to marching up and down Europe with a chip on his shoulder.

The only guaranty of his present good behavior lies in his anxiety to have the naval appropriations granted by the Reichstag. Until his wishes in that respect are complied with he is not likely to risk offending his Parliament by playing fantastic tricks before high heaven and Europe. What the only question will be: What will he do next?

A Distinguished Bachelor Girl.
Miss Margaret Long, daughter of the Secretary of the Navy, is a medical student at Johns Hopkins College in Baltimore. She, with several college chums, has gone to housekeeping in a tiny new house in the northeastern section of that city. A married lady chaperones the girls and manages the domestic machinery. The house is furnished mainly with articles that have been used by the young ladies during their entire college career, and the pictures and ornaments represent their travel souvenirs. A copy of a Murillo Madonna, a small water color, a Tyrolean rosary, a rosewood desk and other artistic touches show the dainty taste which prevails. The china has come not only from Miss Long's, but from her friends' old homes, all of which are closed now. Miss Margaret Long is tall and fair, wears becoming dresses, and is an earnest student.

Mrs. Kipling's Familiarity.
I met a woman the other day, says a writer in the Chicago News, who has met Rudyard Kipling. Not only has she met him, but she has been introduced to him and she has heard him talk. I asked her what impressed her most about him—think of the man who wrote "The Gadsby's" and "The Seven Seas" and "Soldiers Three." She said she was most deeply impressed by the fact that Mrs. Kipling calls him "Ruddy, dear."

Big Numbers.
[Springfield Republican.] The interesting fact is brought out in connection with Boston's "gala week" that 2,392,394 people live within fifty miles of the Statehouse. This is a concentration of population within equal limits which is exceeded only in the case of New York and adjacent territory. Philadelphia comes next with a fifty-mile limit population of 2,289,314; Chicago third, with 1,788,525; and St. Louis fourth, with 874,486.

Ellen Terry has a very simple recipe for the retention of youth and beauty. You must, she says, till tired, sleep till rested, have plenty of fresh air, live in cool rooms, take a daily sponge bath, and eat the simplest food.

Valuable Claims Being Developed in Placer Canyon.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN, Dec. 7.—[Regular correspondence.] In and around Placer Canyon several claims are being developed with good results. In this part of the district the veins are wide and in most instances can be traced on the surface for great distances. The general character of the ore is a hematite. Some is oxidized and free-milling, as well as showing a good percent in copper, but not enough work has yet been done on any of the veins to thoroughly demonstrate the extent of the ore bodies.

Many large magnetite and hematite iron lodes cross this area, and it is the opinion of experts that the placer gold taken from the canyon came from these iron lodes.

On the eastern side of the mountain, Coon, Laird and Forester are taking out ore from the Colossus that shows an

THE TIMES
Weekly Circulation Statement.
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SS.
Personally appeared before me, Harry Chandler, superintendent of circulation for the Times-Mirror Company, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that the daily bona fide circulation of the Times for each day of the week ended December 4, 1897, were as follows:

Sunday, November 29	25,200
Monday	19,710
Tuesday	18,570
Wednesday, December 1	18,570
Thursday	19,140
Friday	18,870
Saturday	19,300

Total for the week..... 139,440
Daily average for the week..... 19,920
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1897.
THOMAS L. CHAPIN,
Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

NOTE:—THE TIMES is a seven-day paper. The above aggregate, viz., 139,440 copies, is not a weekly, monthly and yearly, during the past several years. Advertisers have the right to know the NET CIRCULATION of the medium which seeks their business, and this THE TIMES gives them correct and reliable information. Furthermore, THE TIMES regularly exceeds the combined circulation of all other Los Angeles daily newspapers.

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Liners.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE LADIES OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL Church will give a harvest home social tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the church parlors, cor. Sixth and Hill sts. They will have on sale home-made pumpkin pies, mince pies, fruit cakes, jams, jellies, pickles, 100 pounds of French cream candies, made from Alamos sugar, a few well-dressed oranges, and other suitable for Christmas; everything in line and prices reasonable; admission free.

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THOMAS FITCH, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, will practice in all cases of California and Arizona. Office, 515 1/2 S. STIMMONS BLOCK, Los Angeles.

CEYLON TEAS, 50c, 75c, GENUINE Mocha and Java, 50c, D. LEE & CO., 10 W. Fifth, bet. Spring and Main.

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THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—(Reported by George E. Franklin, Local Forecast Official.) At 5 o'clock a.m. the thermometer registered 30.5; at 5 p.m., 30.10. Thermometer for the corresponding hours showed 48 deg. and 56 deg. Relative humidity, 5 a.m., 75 per cent; 5 p.m., 100 per cent. Wind, 5 a.m., northeast, velocity 3 miles; 5 p.m., west, velocity 1 mile. Maximum temperature, 54 deg.; minimum temperature, 44 deg. Barometer reduced to sea level.

DRY BULB TEMPERATURE.

Los Angeles 48 Palestine 62
San Francisco ... 54 Davenport 24
Portland 46 Helena 38
Amesbury 40 St. Louis 32
Kansas City 34 St. Paul 20
Bismarck 28 North Platte 24

Weather Conditions.—A general storm prevails on the Pacific Slope, which is giving cloudy weather and rain to far south as Point Conception, with fresh to brisk southerly winds. A thunder-storm of an hour's duration occurred last night at Portland. Generally cloudy and unsettled weather prevails in Southern California. The temperature has risen in California from Los Angeles northward, also in Nevada and the plateau regions. Cool weather is reported from Arizona, and a light frost occurred this morning at Yuma. The temperature has fallen in Oregon and Washington. No marked changes have occurred east of the mountains.

Forecast.—Local forecast for Los Angeles and vicinity: Unsettled weather this afternoon and tonight, possibly with showers; fair Thursday.

WEATHER FORECAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—For Southern California: Fair Thursday; colder; light northerly wind.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

It is an interesting fact that in the Ninth Ward the school bonds were defeated on Tuesday by the emphatic vote of 151 to 51. Evidently Webb's near neighbors, who should know him best, were not disposed to entrust the expenditure of public funds to the board of which he has been the self-styled dictator. Their long acquaintance with Webb may have taught them that his "iron hand" has an itching palm.

James W. Hellman is reported to have said that he will refuse to testify before the Board of Education in the investigation of the charges against his friend Webb. There can be no question that self-interest would dictate such a course but it is hardly to be believed that it would commend itself to a man capable of such disinterested generosity as Hellman says he displayed against Atwell. Possibly, however, Hellman thinks he can best prove his friendship for Webb by keeping his knowledge to himself.

A San Bernardino man who attempted to steal a kiss has been fined \$15. Inasmuch as he did not get the kiss the judgment of the court seems severe. If the goods had been delivered, doubtless the culprit would have paid the bill without demur, but even the most gallant judge should make some allowance for the disappointment that the unsuccessful man must have experienced. The judgment raises uneasy doubts as to the value courts would place upon a kiss actually secured.

THE NEWS' POSITION RESTATE

The Melitician Crusader on His Defense.

[Pasadena News.] The editor of the News acknowledges \$9.27 worth of unsolicited advertising lately received from the Los Angeles Times. Before check is sent covering this a few corrections ought to be made in future publications: First, we made no attacks on the barbers of Pasadena. For years they have kept closed shops on Sunday. We urged a continuance of this and are backed up by nearly every barber in the town, as they would like to have public sentiment continued in behalf of doing their work on other days so they could have Sundays to themselves; second, in not a single word or line did we urge against the Sunday delivery of milk. At the request of dairymen we simply urged that when convenient that people oblige the milkmen by taking enough Sunday morning to do away with the milk delivery during cold weather. There was no attempt at "reform" or "feeding babies sour milk" or "arkhunting" or anything of the kind. We do not believe in a narrow, contracted Sabbath, such as the Times and Star falsely accuse us of. On the other hand, we are for an enlightened, broad Sabbath, as against the continental Sunday of France, Spain and Italy, and we don't care who knows it! Of course it is not expected that the Times will make these corrections, for it has private reasons for these attacks. Huh!

PERSONALS.

Mrs. A. Williamson of Chico is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Bowen, who is ill at the Hotel Catalina. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pierce of Boise City, Idaho, are expected to arrive in the city. Mr. Pierce was formerly Mayor of Boise City.

Recent arrivals at the Carling include: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of San Francisco, Mrs. Rike and Miss L. Rader of Dayton, O.; Mr. and Mrs. McKensie of Winnipeg, Man.; Miss D. Metherill of Hanford, Cal.; and Miss Tomlinson of Chicago.

San Diego, Arizona.

[Anaconda Standard.] Arizona has a little scheme which, from an Arizona standpoint, is very pretty to look at. Arizona wants to annex San Diego county, Cal., in which is the city of San Diego. This would give Arizona a population and a standing that would immediately solve the problem of statehood. It would give her also one of the finest seaports on the coast. Probably, moreover, it would stimulate railroad building from San Diego to the interior of Arizona. As for San Diego, Arizona is trying to convince her that annexation would mean her salvation. San Diego is always at war with Los Angeles over Congressional appropriations for deep-water harbors, or something or other, and Los Angeles being the bigger town, San Diego usually gets the worst of it. San Diego is said to be seriously considering the proposition. The rest of the State of California refuses to consider it seriously, and it is certain that the proposed annexation cannot be accomplished without a bitter fight.

"The Land of Promise."

[San Francisco Call.] The Los Angeles Times has issued, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, a publication in magazine form entitled "The Land of Promise: Los Angeles and Southern California." It consists of twenty-eight large pages and a cover, and 100,000 copies of it will be distributed in the East and abroad. It is amply illustrated, and, according to the Times, "will furnish to seekers after information the best and most reliable data about Southern California as a whole that has ever been sent out under a single cover."

CHANGED FOR WORSE

MOTHER MCKINLEY'S STATE IS LESS HOPEFUL.

Steadily-increasing Weakness During the Day Noted by the Family if Not by the Doctor.

PRESIDENT ALWAYS WITH HER.

REFUSES TO TAKE THE REST WHICH HE SHOULD.

The Invalid Has Taken No Nourishment Since Monday Noon—Remained in a Lethargic Repose as if in Sleep.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

CANTON (O.), Dec. 8.—All day the children of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley were near her bedside, watching for indications of hopeful change. They were disappointed. There was no ray of light on the face which betokened returning consciousness. She has been lying in lethargic repose, as if in sleep, most of the time. She is gradually but surely growing weaker.

Abner McKinley says the family are hoping against hope that she may show a better condition, but her state during the day has been such that the watchers think the end is gradually drawing near. The doctor saw the patient early this evening. He said he could notice no material change, but the weakening process continues steadily. He is prepared for dissolution at any moment, but at the time of this visit had not abandoned hope that she would continue in life during the night, and possibly longer.

Members of the family at the same hour did not seem to be so hopeful. They have been constantly at the bedside during the illness, and to them the steadily-increasing weakness all day was more apparent than to the doctor. Charles R. Miller, who has been almost constantly at the house, said that he had not previously noted such continued weakness as was noted during the day. This was also accompanied by a higher temperature, and he could scarcely hope that the patient would live beyond midnight. He further said the others of the relatives felt fully as apprehensive.

The President is almost constantly at the bedside, refusing to be relieved by others and to take the rest and exercise which he should. While it has been a matter the President has declined to discuss or to give any information about, to his friends, and impossible for the reporters to secure any information upon, it is believed from the indications at the postoffice and telegraph offices, that he is receiving numerous congratulations from the people of the country on his message to Congress. The sad circumstances of the visit to his home at this time have not prevented the people from making manifestations of their congratulations.

AFTERNOON ACCOUNT.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] CANTON (O.), Dec. 8.—Mrs. McKinley was resting quietly when the doctor called this morning, but was materially weaker than she was during the greater part of yesterday. She rested very well during the fore part of the night, but grew restless during the small hours of the morning, and seemed to be failing quite rapidly. She had been unable to take any nourishment, though she had been taken soon after noon Monday. She has shown no evidence of consciousness or recognition of those about her since the greeting she extended to the President and Mrs. McKinley, and those who came with them yesterday.

The President remained at the side of his mother until about 6 o'clock this morning, when he lay down for a little sleep. He was up and in the sick room early in the forenoon, however, and was sitting nearly every moment attending his mother. The doctor announced on leaving the house this morning that the patient was perceptibly weaker, but that she might survive the day.

At 12:45 o'clock Dr. Phillips reported that he had noted no change in Mrs. McKinley's condition since 9 o'clock. She is still unconscious, and steadily weakening. He does not care to venture an opinion as to when the final scene will come. The family regard the coming of the end as a matter of time. They have noticed during the entire day a failure, and believe that the patient will not long survive.

ANALYZING—RELAPSE.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

CANTON (O.), Dec. 8.—During the evening Mother McKinley again aroused from her palsied sleep. She lay quietly and restfully on her bed, the President at her side, watching intently and hopefully for some sign of recognition. The awakening, however, was not accompanied by any appreciable rally.

THE LATEST.

At 1 a.m. Mother McKinley had a sinking spell, and is in a much weaker condition. She is again unconscious. The President is still at her bedside.

LETTERS TO THE TIMES.

Not Responsible for Carmen. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—[To the Editor of the Times.] In relation to the renting of No. 9 in the Colonial Plaza to one Countess Carmen Montez, mentioned in this morning's paper, we beg to state that this office demands and insists upon references from every tenant for this eminently respectable and superbly elegant flat building; that this person, whom we had never heard of before and whom we have had no end of trouble in finally ejecting, obtained entrance to the flat through the renting office of E. D. Silent & Co., who assured the lessee of the desirability of the flat, and who deplored an experience which we pray may never be repeated.

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STEAMER CLYDE ADRIFF.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British Consul at Ajaccio, capital of Corsica, telegraphs that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's steamer Clyde, Capt. Gordon, has been seen drifting off the Corsican coast. The passenger list of the Clyde shows a hundred passengers.

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STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING, OFFICE of the Raymond Improvement Company. To the stockholders of the Raymond Improvement Company: Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Raymond Improvement Company will be held at the principal office of the company, in the office of the Union Oil Company of California, 239 Byrne building, in the city of Los Angeles, Los Angeles county, California, on Saturday, December 11, 1897, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the board of directors, C. C. TRAGUE, Secretary.

Dated November 24th, 1897.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DECLARES ITSELF OPPOSED TO HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

It would injure the beet-sugar industry here—Western Traffic Association Urged to Allow Passengers on Freight Trains—Increase of Freight Rates.

The Chamber of Commerce has declared itself opposed to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, and has passed a resolution declaring that annexation would materially injure the beet-sugar industry in this State. At the regular meeting yesterday afternoon of the board of directors, W. C. Patterson, chairman of the Committee on Commerce, submitted a report upon the communication of J. Ross Clark, touching the proposal of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, which was, in substance, as follows:

"We should be disposed to question the wisdom of annexation because:

"Firstly, of the long-established American sentiment against the further acquisition of territory."

"Secondly, by reason of the great distance of these islands from the United States, and the consequent difficulty and expense which would be involved in their defense and protection in case of war."

"Thirdly, because of the enormous alien Mongolian population which would be acquired and which would, in some degree, be a menace to American labor."

"Fourthly, the spirit of American institutions does not lend itself to the 'extinction of autonomy in any other nation. The plea so brilliantly exemplified in the British colonial policy,' that a weak and ignorant nation should be uplifted by taking away its independence, flies better with monarchial ideas than with ours. We believe government should rest on the consent of more than 3 per cent. of the governed. Three thousand adopted Hawaiians desire annexation; 97,000 native Hawaiians do not. It is yet a republican proportion."

"The following resolution was offered, and, on motion, adopted:

"Resolved, that it is the sentiment of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, that the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands will be, in the long run, decidedly detrimental to the beet-sugar interests of Southern California."

"Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Senators and the Representatives from this State."

Director Patterson also reported in reference to the action of the Western Traffic Association, as follows:

"LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8, 1897. To the directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce—Gentlemen: The Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the communication from the Portland, Or., Chamber of Commerce, dated November 26, 1897, would respectfully report advising the adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas, it is reported that the Western Traffic Association has passed an order to become effective January 1, 1898, whereby all railroads under the jurisdiction of the association shall be forbidden to allow passengers to ride on freight trains, and whereas, the enforcement of this order will work a great hardship on the people of the territory west of the Rocky Mountains, where passenger train service is so infrequent, therefore be it

"Resolved, by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, that this body respectfully petition the Western Traffic Association to omit from the operation of the above-mentioned order, such railroads as run into cities west of the Rocky Mountains."

"Resolved, that copies of this preamble and resolution be transmitted to the Western Traffic Association, to the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe companies, and to the Portland Chamber of Commerce."

"W. C. PATTERSON, Chairman Committee on Commerce."

Another report made by Director Patterson was on the matter of the increase of freight rates on wines from California points to New York:

"LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8, 1897. To the directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce—Gentlemen: The matter of threatened increase of rates of freight upon native wines and brandies to New York, which was brought to the attention of this board by Messrs. Charles Stern & Son, and which was referred to the Committee on Commerce with power to act, has had careful attention."

"I addressed communications to the representatives of both of the great railroad systems which operate in Southern California, urging upon them in behalf of the chamber, the most serious consideration of a matter of such vital importance to this section of the country. I have already received assurance that the matter is receiving careful attention."

"W. C. PATTERSON, Chairman Committee on Commerce."

Director Newberry, in behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, made a lengthy report on the matter of opening up a new set of books January 1, for keeping the accounts and records of the Chamber. The same was adopted.

Director Slauson reported progress in the matter of soliciting funds for the Omaha Exposition.

A communication was read from the joint committee to promote a department of commerce and industries, asking the chamber to appoint a delegate to act jointly with this committee in order to assure success in the movement. The chair was instructed to appoint such delegate.

A communication was read from Abbot Kinney, stating that the American Pomological Society was seeking a place to hold its annual meeting, and suggested that the chamber extend an invitation to hold it in the city of Los Angeles. The secretary was instructed to write this invitation.

The secretary was instructed to make arrangements for decorating the tally-ho to be used in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

Word has just been received by the chamber from the commissioner of California, exhibiting at Guatemala, that Los Angeles exhibitors fared well in the distribution of awards.

The following were elected to membership: Eugene Gerlach, brewer in California; products, Zurich, Switzerland; Ontario-Cucamonga Fruit Exchange, George E. Platt, dairy and Jersey stock dealer; Thomson & Boyle, water and well-pipe manufacturers; O. C. Sens, merchant tailor; C. Ducommun, hardware; Wybro & Lawrence Company; Semi-Tropic Fruit Exchange.

Director Klokke, chairman of the Committee on Membership, reported that the list of active members in the Chamber of Commerce now numbered 1000, and that his committee, since the beginning of the canvass for new members this year, has secured the signatures of 133 applicants.

Small Fire in a Printing Office.
Fire did \$100 worth of damage in the printing establishment of J. W. Buckley at No. 464 East First street, about 9:30 o'clock last night. Mr. Buckley's daughter lighted a lamp in the room damaged and dropped the burning match to the floor. It set fire to some loose paper. The fire was confined to the one room, the principal damage being to type cases. These are partly insured.

MUSICAL MENTION.

The Queen Vocal Quartette, composed of Mrs. Gertrude Auld-Thomas, Miss Edith Preston, Mrs. Loleta Levee Rowan and Mrs. Isabel Wyatt, made a very favorable impression at its initial concert at Music Hall last evening. The quartette is well-balanced, the voices are fresh and sweet, and blend well, and the organization is by far the best of the kind that has ever been heard here. The numbers were all enjoyably sung, and appreciative applause and hearty encores testified to the pleasure with which they were heard. "The Little Sandman" (Schumann), was especially well sung, being given with exquisite shading, and received a well-merited encore. Each of the members of the quartette contributed solos, and Miss Edith Haines played the allegro from Beethoven's 3 major concerto, with a cadenza by Reinecke. Mrs. J. K. Toles rendered the orchestral parts on the second piano. Mrs. Rowan's singing of "Addio" (Mozart), was especially artistic and in response to the enthusiastic encore that followed, a quail ballad was charmingly given. Haines sang a very satisfactory solo as accompanist.

The advance sale of seats for the Scalchi concert at the Los Angeles Theater this evening, is the largest for any musical event in this city since the advent of Paderewski. A grand operatic presentation by artists much talked of, including Mlle. Toulinguet, Mlle. du Bedat, Thomas McQueen, Sig. Achille and Sig. Guarro, is of more than ordinary interest to the public, which has had opportunity to hear grand opera in any form.

Scalchi is one of the greatest contraltos in the world today, and Mlle. Toulinguet is said to be a wonderful dramatic soprano. Both Mlle. Toulinguet and Sig. Achille were the principal singers of the 30th season Imperial Opera Company last season.

PREPARING FOR ANNEXATION.

Many Inquiries Made Concerning Passage to Honolulu.

Agents in this city for the steamship lines between the California ports and Honolulu say that there have been numerous inquiries made regarding passage to that point. Especially has this been noticeable during the past week. This the agents say is no doubt due to the fact that the ratification of the annexation treaty is generally looked upon as more than probable. Very few people, however, are purchasing tickets to the islands at this time, but it is expected that there will be a great Hawaiian exodus when the islands are annexed, if such an event occurs. At any rate it is believed that a large number of people will make the trip in the spring.

Numerous inquiries are also being received at the steamboat ticket offices in regard to transportation to Alaskan points, and there is no doubt that when the northern winter breaks there will be a great rush of people from this section of the State to the Klondike gold fields.

SUNSET LIMITED ANNEX.

The Southern Pacific Company will on December 31 commence to run, in connection with the Sunset Limited trains between San Francisco and Chicago, the Sunset Limited Annex between El Paso and New Orleans and connecting at the former place with the regular Sunset Limited. The "annex" will carry standard dining cars and ten section drawing-room sleepers. The sleeping cars will go without change from San Francisco to New Orleans.

RAILWAY MEN HERE.

Division Superintendent Burkhalter of the Southern Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Bakersfield, was in the city yesterday on business connected with the road.

W. H. Snedaker, general agent of the Rio Grande and Western Railway, whose headquarters are at San Francisco, was in Los Angeles yesterday.

W. J. Shottwell and A. J. Stratton of San Francisco, general agents respectively of the Denver and Rio Grande and the Chicago and Great Western railroads, were in the city yesterday.

PARADE POSTPONED.

Latest Doings of the Merchants and Manufacturers.

At a meeting held yesterday by the Home Products Exhibit Committee of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, it was decided to postpone until January 24 the industrial parade which will be given at the exposition. Home products will be opened. January 24 is to be set aside as a legal holiday, as it is the semi-centennial anniversary of the discovery of gold in California. The militia will take part in the parade and also the several trade organizations. Forty manufacturers have signed their intention of participating in the parade with floats and employees.

The official opening of the exhibition is set for the evening of June 22, when an invitation reception will be given to members of the organization and their friends.

Word has been received that the rebate "stamp scheme" is meeting with severe discouragement in Oakland, where the Merchants' Exchange has been an active crusader against it. City ordinance has also been passed, declaring all such tricks to secure custom to be a misdemeanor, punishable by \$500 fine or six months' imprisonment.

TO BUILD THE HARBOR.

Revival of the Proposition to Form a Local Company.

Some months ago, when there seemed to be immediate prospect of advertisement for bids on the San Pedro Harbor work, it was suggested by members of the Free Harbor League that it might be practicable to organize a company composed of citizens of Southern California, for the purpose of putting in bids and endeavoring to secure the contract. Such a company, it was argued, would be interested in getting the work done thoroughly, honestly and within the limits of the appropriation, and even should it not secure the contract, it would serve as a check upon any scheme to delay the work by putting in bids that would give Secretary Alger an excuse for declaring the appropriation insufficient. Since the advertisement was ordered, interest in this proposition has revived, and the possibility of forming a company to tender capital to undertake the work is being discussed by business men and other members of the Free Harbor League.

Police Court Notes.

In the Police Court yesterday Oscar Burke, a dope fiend, was given a ninety-days' sentence for disturbing the peace. J. C. Harris, an insurance agent, was given a seven-days' sentence for defrauding an innkeeper. The complaint against Frankie Gardner for soliciting was dismissed.

Society.

The wedding of Miss Tisdora Bandini Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers Scott of San Diego, and Dr. Carl Kurtz last evening, was a very elegant affair, though witnessed only by the relatives and a few intimate friends. The event took place in the handsome apartments of the bride's grand-aunt, Mrs. Arcadia B. de Baker, in the Baker Block, the ceremony being performed at 8 o'clock by Bishop Montgomery, assisted by the Rev. Father Lieban. Rev. Father Adam, vicar-general, and Rev. Father Grogan were also present among the guests. Lowinsky's Orchestra played the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin," as the bridal party entered, and accompanied the ceremony with the soft strains of the "Priest's March." The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Cave Courts of San Diego, wore an exceedingly beautiful gown of heavy white satin. The trailing skirt was perfectly plain with the exception of a narrow ruche of tulle at the edge, and the bodice was richly embroidered with exquisite lace, caught at one side with a splendid diamond sunburst. The long tulle veil was fastened with a few sprays of natural orange blossoms, and a large sunburst, and the bridal bouquet was composed of white Roman hyacinths and meibenhair. The bride was attended by two maids, her sister, Miss Mattie Scott, and the groom's sister, Miss Christine Kurtz. Miss Scott was in pale pink tulle, and Miss Mattie was in white tulle, and both wore tulle and garnished with pink ribbons; a cluster of La France roses nodded from the left shoulder of the decollete bodice, and added to the richness of the attire. Both the maids wore veils of tulle and carried La France roses. Capt. William Banning assisted as best man. The ceremony was followed by an elegant supper, served under the direction of Christopher. The decorations, which were arranged by Mrs. Banning, were unusually artistic. Those in the large drawing-rooms were entirely of the Japanese rice-paper tree, the fluffy balls of creamy-white flowers, spreading leaves lending themselves readily to wonderfully charming effects. Diagonally across one corner of the room was an arch of gracefully draped white tulle, beneath which the bride and party gathered. The supper-room was elaborately decorated with masses of white carnations and stelia, maidenhair and bracken ferns. White satin ribbons, braided with smilax, were caught from the chandeliers to the walls, terminating in true-lovers' knots and forming a graceful canopy over the long table. Gifts, which were not displayed, were very numerous and rarely beautiful. Dr. and Mrs. Kurtz, who will not return from their wedding trip until Christmas, will reside in the Baker Block, where they will receive on Mondays, after January 1. The bride's going-away gown was a smart tailor-made affair of black serge and her hat, a small turban finished with black feathers.

Mrs. L. W. Blinn and her charming daughter-in-law, Mrs. Irving Blinn, gave the first of two large receptions yesterday afternoon at the residence of the former on West Adams street. Misses W. C. Read, Wilbert E. Barnes and C. B. Jones assisted in receiving, and the Misses Gertrude and Elsie Clark, Louise Bourke, Elsie Bonnell, Grace Mellus and Annis Van Nuys assisted at the punch-bowl and in the dining room. The chamber orchestra was stationed in the hall, and rendered a delightful programme during the afternoon. The drawing-rooms and hall were very handsomely decorated with potted maidenhair, palms, ferns, begonias, coleus and roses. A frieze of smilax gave a pretty finish. The dining-room was all in glowing scarlet, poinsettias, asparagus plumosus and satin ribbons being used about the table and mantel, while the frieze was of smilax looped at short intervals with clusters of holly berries. A recherche luncheon was served under the direction of Reynolds. Mrs. Blinn wore an elegant gown of black embroidered grenadine over cerise tulle, and garnished with a jeweled bolero and frills of lace. Mrs. Irving Blinn was in pale rose embroidered mousseline de sole over rose tulle, garnished with bands of black applique, frills of the mousseline and black spangles. Among those present were:

Messrs. James Ford, Ben Goodrich, Victor Harrell, G. T. Gay, E. T. Earl, W. G. Cochran, Shelley Tolhurst, W. C. Patterson, E. B. Miller, W. M. Van Dyke, M. Hammond, J. S. Slauson, T. D. Hammond, F. B. Cline, W. M. Caswell, I. N. Van Nuys, F. L. Moore, A. M. Stephens, J. R. Dupuy, E. Cowley, Le Grand Betts, A. B. Workman, R. H. Herron, B. Geyne, R. H. Danksin, W. H. Dukeman, George Stockel, C. H. Hall, J. M. Stewart, F. Conroy, Cliff Page, John P. Ellis, C. Michener, C. E. Kregelo, Taylor, Augustus Hlne, Bertha Hall, Ryan, Brotherton, Florence Jones, McCullough, Ella Barnes, E. Stephens, E. Owen, Eleanor Tuttle, Katherine Johnson, May Cobligh.

Messrs. Gertrude Johnson entertained the Winter Card Club and a number of the members' men friends at whist last evening. The ladies' prizes, a cut-glass vinaigrette, with gold and jeweled top, and a green silk-lined case, finished with gold corners, were won by Miss Bessie Bonnell and Miss Sara Innes. The gentlemen's prizes were two books, handsomely bound, copies of "True and I" and "In Old Virginia," and were won by Messrs. Ridenbaugh and Charles Wellborn.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Mrs. A. M. McComa came down from San Francisco Sunday, for a short stay.

The ladies of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church will give a seven-days' reception this evening, in honor of the Rev. Hugh K. Walker, the new pastor of the church.

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The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Boyle Heights Methodist Episcopal Church will hold a social in the church Friday evening. An interesting program will be given.

Detective Steele yesterday recovered a valuable overcoat which was stolen from Henry J. Steele, corner of First and Los Angeles streets, Saturday night. The thief has not been apprehended.

A request from M. T. Duryea of Elmira, N. Y., for information concerning the temperature of Los Angeles for the winter has been responded to by Mr. Franklin of the weather bureau by forwarding copies of "Climate and Health," a pamphlet on this subject issued by the Chamber of Commerce.

DAVIS FOUND GUILTY.

Jury in the Forgery Case Agrees in Less Than Two Hours.

The jury in the Davis forgery case returned a verdict of guilty about 6 o'clock last night, after having been out about two hours, and Judge Smith ordered the defendant to appear for sentence at 10 o'clock next Saturday morning. This was Davis' second trial on the charge, the jury in the former case failing to agree.

Davis expressed himself last night as being very much disappointed with the result.

"But," said he, "the jury has prescribed my medicine and I might better take it as cheerfully as I can, than otherwise."

A. E. Davis was jointly charged with Charles Compton and W. M. Ware with having obtained \$1000 from the Columbia Savings Bank of this city upon a forged deed and fraudulent mortgage. The property upon which the transaction was based is owned by L. H. Green and is known as lot 1 of the Daily tract. Compton is charged with having originated and engineered the scheme. According to the charges on file and the theory of the prosecution, Compton deeded the property to Davis, who in turn mortgaged it to the bank and obtained the amount named above. Ware is a self-confessed intermediate in the transaction as between Compton and Davis. Davis testified to stand that he had entered into the scheme under the impression that it was a perfectly legitimate transaction; that he saw an opportunity to make some money easily and took advantage of it.

The prosecuting attorneys are free to admit that Davis was "trapped into the scheme," in their opinion, and that he is not as guilty as Compton and Ware. The prevailing opinion of Davis seems to be that he is more of a fool than a deliberate criminal; that Compton and Ware recognized this, knew he was "a good thing," and used him.

The penalty provided is imprisonment in a State prison for from one to four years.

DARLING'S EXAMINATION.

Eva Tredinnick Fails to Show Up, Hence the Continuance.

The preliminary examination of Frank O. Darling for rape came up before Justice Young in the Township Court yesterday. Darling was present in court, but Eva Tredinnick, the alleged victim, and her mother failed to put in an appearance. It was learned that through some mistake in the proceedings of service, the mother and daughter had not been subpoenaed, and so the examination was ordered continued until Monday next, after the testimony of two witnesses had been taken.

Mrs. M. E. Morris, proprietress of the Arlington lodging-house, in which the alleged offense is said to have taken place, testified that Darling and the Tredinnick girl stopped at her place on Thanksgiving day. They came together, but she could not say positively that both occupied the same room.

Police Officer Fowler, who arrested Darling, testified that the defendant had admitted having had improper relations with the girl; that fondness for women had always been his besetting sin, and that he "guessed he was in for it for good this time."

Darling has been serving as a telegraph operator for the Southern Pacific at Colton, where the Tredinnick girl, also resides with her mother.

A Jolt on the Jaw.

William Dexter was given a severe jolt on the jaw by a German barkeeper in a saloon at the corner of First and Los Angeles streets, Tuesday night. At least that is what William said happened to him, when he called at the Receiving Hospital for surgical treatment yesterday morning. It was evident from the swollen condition of his jaw that something had hit William very hard, and that "Dutch" barkeeper ought to go into training for a match with Fitzsimmons, if he did the hitting for an examination disclosed the fact that Dexter's jaw was broken. Of course Dexter "wasn't doing" nobly to deserve such treatment, and he avows his intention to have his assailant arrested for battery. The patient was sent to the County Hospital.

ATTENTION, SOLDIERS AND SAILORS. The Army and Navy Republican League has been invited by the Southern California Republican Branch League to spend an evening with them on Thursday, December 9, and will meet at Elks Hall, No. 254 South Main street, at 7:30 p.m., to march to Temperance Temple. All ex-Union soldiers and sailors are requested to meet with us.

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AT HER JOURNEY'S END.

SUICIDE OF A PASSENGER ON A SANTA FE TRAIN.

Mrs. C. H. Dascomb, a Health-seeker from Albuquerque, shot herself the Moment She Arrived at Her Destination.

The journey of C. H. Dascomb, wife and child from Albuquerque, N. M., to Los Angeles, in the hope of improving the wife's health, came to a tragic end yesterday morning. Mrs. Dascomb shot and killed herself aboard the train just as it was slowing up at La Grande Station.

Dascomb is a railway conductor, who has been running on the Santa Fe between Albuquerque and El Paso, the former place being his home. His wife's health having been very poor for some time, he determined to bring her to Los Angeles in the hope that the change of climate would benefit her. Mrs. Dascomb approved of this programme and the journey was undertaken.

The couple's five-year-old daughter was taken ill en route, and Mrs. Dascomb almost went herself out in nursing the little one. She scarcely slept at all Tuesday night. The child was better yesterday morning, and the mother appeared to be in better spirits as they neared their journey's end.

As the train was slowing up for the last stop, and while her husband was busy getting their luggage together, Mrs. Dascomb took a hand bag and went to the ladies' toilet of the Pullman. As soon as she was inside the toilet she bolted the door, and the next instant the occupants of the car were startled by the report of a pistol behind the closed door.

When the train came to a stop in front of the depot a moment later, the door of the toilet room was broken open. Mrs. Dascomb was lying on the floor with a bullet hole through her brain, the ball having entered at the right temple and passed out at the left side of her head. She had shot herself with a revolver which she had carried in the satchel that she took with her to the toilet.

The unfortunate woman was still breathing when raised from the floor. She died a few minutes later, however. Meanwhile the patrol wagon had been telephoned for to remove her to the Receiving Hospital, but as she was dead before the wagon arrived, there was no need of police assistance. The body was sent to Kregel & Bros' morgue, where an inquest was held by the coroner in the afternoon.

The suicide is accounted for only on the theory that Mrs. Dascomb's mind gave way under the strain of her sickness and her long and sleepless journey. Mr. Dascomb stated that his wife at times appeared to be slightly demented during her illness, but he denied exhibiting strange behavior in her conduct immediately preceding the tragedy. In fact, she seemed to be more than ordinarily cheerful and glad that they had arrived at their destination.

Mrs. Dascomb was 48 years of age. It is the heretofore husband's intention to have her remains interred here.

Lost Boy Sent Home.

Willie Bowen, a runaway or lost boy from Santa Monica, was picked up on Spring street by Officer Marden yesterday morning. The lad stated that he got on a train at Santa Monica Tuesday evening, just for fun, and it started before he could get off, so he stayed on till it got to Los Angeles. He wandered around all night and got lost. He had had nothing to eat since Tuesday noon and was almost famished when sent to the Police Station by the officer. The boy said his father is a bath-house employee at Santa Monica. Yesterday afternoon, after his hunger was appeased, the stray youngster was sent home in care of Deputy Constable Mugnelli, who was going to the seaside city on legal business.

Licensed to Wed.

Carl Kurtz, aged 29, and Ysidora B. Scott, aged 21; both natives of California and residents of Los Angeles.

Julius Baver, aged 37, native of Germany, and Freda Wulster, aged 37, native of Iowa; both residents of Los Angeles.

Ernest M. Burris, aged 23, native of Missouri, and Adena E. Bise, aged 17, native of California; both residents of Compton. By consent of Mrs. S. A. Bise.

Carroll S. Nelson, aged 26, native of Minnesota, and Grace E. Stout, aged 26, native of Nebraska; both residents of Pasadena.

BIRTH RECORD.

HARRINGTON—To Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harrington, of Westlake avenue, a daughter.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

BODY OF A MURDERED MAN FOUND IN THE RIVER.

Serious Stabbing Affray Grows Out of a Billiard-room Quarrel—Securing a Jury in the Milner Murder Case—The Rowell Hotel Closed.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 7.—[Regular Correspondence.] The body of an unknown man was found Wednesday morning on the river bottom near the Castillo ranch, West Riverside. Charlie Wilbur made the ghastly find, and immediately reported the matter to the Sheriff. Constable Johnson and a jury left in the afternoon to view the remains.

The victim is reported to be about 35 years old. His hair dark, and he has a dark moustache. His hands were tied behind his back, and he had evidently been dragged for some distance. The condition of the body indicates that death occurred several days ago. The man had been shot through the face with a revolver or rifle. There was nothing found in his clothing that furnished any clue to his identity.

Nobody is reported missing in these parts, and the hideous crime is shrouded in mystery. THE MILNER CASE.

The following jury has been agreed upon to try the Milner murder case: E. D. C. Derby, John Dewey, Francis M. Casner, R. M. McKittick, George H. Dole, A. L. Shoeff, J. A. Bigelow, A. S. Milce, D. N. Findlay, J. H. Row, Benjamin Able, John Strunk, Ten of the jurors reside in Riverside. But little testimony was heard.

STABBING AFFRAY. Ed Sylvester was stabbed in the back and in the left arm by E. E. Pierson, Monday night, and lies in the City Receiving Hospital. Pierson's whereabouts are unknown. The trouble started Monday evening in an Eighth-street billiard hall, where were congregated a number of men and orange-pickers. Pierson and a man named Wheeler were playing pool, and got into a dispute over the game. They finally agreed to go to the outskirts of town and fight it out. The crowd in the billiard room accompanied them.

In the rear of the Santa Fe Depot the combatants lined up for the scrimmage. Both men had orange-pickers, which they laid aside. Pierson also took a big clasp knife from his trousers and put it with his coat, which he had tied on.

At this juncture, Sylvester, who had joined the gang, stepped in, and called on Wheeler to whip his man good and hard. Pierson then turned on Sylvester, and when he began to get the worst of the fight, he ran to his coat, grabbed his knife, and returning, plunged it into Sylvester's back, between the shoulder blades, and again in the left arm. Pierson then started on a run and disappeared in the darkness.

The injured man was carried on a stretcher to the City Hospital and Police Surgeon Way summoned. If fever does not kill him he will recover. He is 32 years old and a native of New York. Pierson, who is a native Californian, is ten years older, and is known to be of a very quarrelsome disposition. All the officers in this section have been notified and his early arrest is anticipated.

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Is Dick Bird Growing Insane?

The Council has amended the hitching ordinance so that the only restriction in future will be to provide that horse and vehicles shall not be allowed to stand on the streets for a longer period than twenty minutes.

At the meeting of the Fire Commissioners yesterday morning, Chief Moore presented his report for the year ending December 1. Moore complains of erroneous assessments by the City Assessor have been addressed to the Council.

The grand jury filed accusations against Walter L. Webb and Joseph P. Adams yesterday afternoon, charging them with malfeasance in office while serving upon the Board of Education. The District Attorney was given the papers, which will be served upon the parties today. Proceedings will be commenced at once to oust them from office.

After having been out for two hours the jury in the A. E. Davis forgery case returned a verdict of guilty at 6 o'clock last night. Davis will be called up before Judge Smith for sentence on Saturday next.

During his motion for a reduction of bail yesterday one of R. A. Bird's attorneys declared, in Judge Smith's court, that unless Bird was let out of jail very soon he would be a candidate for the insane asylum.

(AT THE CITY HALL.)

TWENTY MINUTES LIMIT.

THE ONLY RESTRICTION IMPOSED
UPON HITCHING IN FUTURE.

Council Succumbs to the Pressure
of Disaffected Merchants—Annual
Report of the Fire Department—More
Erroneous Assessments.

The City Council met in special session yesterday morning to consider the question of the ordinance prohibiting hitching. The ordinance, which permits the hitching of horses and vehicles without any restriction except a twenty-minute time limit.

C. C. Wright, Esq., attorney for the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, addressed the Council briefly, saying that it had not been the wish of the association at any time to work a hardship on any one and that no objection would be raised to any amendment that might be made. The original idea of the association was to have some provision for teams kept standing in the ordinary transaction of business.

Nevertheless, Mr. Wright said, there could be no question that the Council had made an honest effort to give the people the best ordinance possible and no criticism would be made upon the conclusion finally reached by the Council. Grider then moved the adoption of the ordinance reported last Monday by the Board of Public Works, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The ordinance amends section 1 of the original hitching ordinance passed last month so as to make it read as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person to hitch any horse, mule or other animal, or leave standing not in the immediate care of some person any carriage, buggy, wagon, cart or other vehicle, with or without animals attached, for a longer period of time than twenty minutes upon any public street of the city of Los Angeles herein described and set forth, between the hours of 7 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m., said streets being as follows, to-wit:

"Main street from Commercial street to Sixth street; Spring street from Sixth street to Temple street; Broadway from Sixth street to First street; First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets from Main street to Broadway; Fourth street from Main street to Spring street; Market street from Main street to Spring street."

The ordinance will take effect as soon as it has been duly signed by the Mayor and published.

Chief Glass was instructed to enforce a strict observance of the new ordinance.

FIRE OF A TWELFTH MONTH.
Chief Moore Presents His Report for the Past Year.

The annual report of Chief Moore was presented to the Fire Commissioners at their meeting yesterday morning. The report contained much of the information concerning the fire department which was embodied in the recent published statement of the Fire Commissioners upon the subject of the fire bonds submitted to vote last Tuesday. The needs of the department were fully set forth and a full statement was made as to the present condition of the engine-houses and the apparatus.

that will warrant the observance of the foregoing method, and that any person or firm shall be allowed to bid who has filed in the office of the fire department a request to be considered in the next succeeding purchase."

Commissioner Wells offered an amendment to rule 3 as follows: "As an incentive to good service and discipline and as an important factor in increasing the efficiency of the fire department through the selection and retention of those best qualified to fill the positions, all callmen and others claiming to be callmen shall be subjected to competition tests as to fitness, intellectual, morally and physically, under regulations adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners; and promotions shall be made in order, from the next lower grade or grades of the existing force, based on competition tests showing the efficiency, personal character and ability and knowledge in the line of duty; and no removal shall be made except for cause on written charges preferred to and sustained by the Board of Commissioners."

Action on this amendment was deferred one week. The Berry-Barton Company, asking permission to bore for oil in the block bounded by Buena Vista, Bernard, Castelar and College streets, was referred to the Chief with power to act.

W. M. Lee's application for a permit to maintain a blacksmith shop at No. 1205 S. Main street was denied, a strong protest having been filed by residents in the vicinity.

Remission was granted to the Los Angeles Fertilizing Company, upon the recommendation of the Chief, to erect and maintain a gasoline engine at the river foot of N. Main street.

Chief Moore reported that Driver Burch had neglected to secure his horses while attending to the team run away. The Chief believed, however, that Burch was not without excuse, and he was accordingly let off with a slight reprimand.

Callman Gardner was reported to have been negligent in responding to a summons to appear in court. He was accordingly let off with a slight reprimand.

W. D. Shearer appeared before the board to answer to a similar charge. It was said that he had been instructed to answer to a similar charge. Shearer asserted, however, that he had been present at four of the fires, and merely failed to report at the engine-house. This explanation was accepted by the board.

Shearer is the man who for the past four months has been enjoying two salaries from the city. Up to December he was a deputy in the Tax Collector's office, and has also been paid as a callman. He now holds the latter position.

DEFEAT OF FIRE BONDS.

Contemplated Improvements That Have Been Abandoned.

The defeat of the fire bonds last Tuesday renders it impossible to make certain much-needed additions to the equipment of the fire department, to say nothing of the fact that the city cannot own its engine-houses.

The City Auditor's estimate for the expenses of the fire department during the current fiscal year was \$123,517, which included \$24,000 for two new fire engines and two hose carts. The Council, however, appropriated only \$99,517 for the department, leaving the remaining \$24,000 in the cash fund.

The many unusual expenses that have been incurred and that are now in sight make it certain that the cash fund will not be equal to the demands upon it. It is safe to assume, therefore, that no part of the \$24,000 will find its way back to the fire department.

The annexed districts will suffer most from the defeat of the fire bonds, as they are without any adequate protection from fire.

EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENTS.

Two More Taxpayers Who Have a Kick Coming.

To the long list of blunders made by the City Assessor's department and reported to the Council, two more instances were added yesterday.

Mrs. Rosanna Forthman filed with the City Clerk a petition addressed to the Council. In it she states that she is the owner of property at the southeast corner of Sixth and Olive streets. Last year the ground was valued by the Assessor at \$3600 and the improvements were assessed at \$8000. This year the value of the ground was again fixed at \$3600, but the improvements were raised to \$3000.

The petitioner asserts that the value of the improvements on the premises on March 1, when the value was fixed, did not exceed \$200, the valuation made last year. She therefore asks the return of \$1750.

A copy of the petition was filed against Raymer, owner of lot 71 in the Kincaid tract. Although there has been no change in the improvements, the valuation this year was fixed at \$2700, or just double the figure fixed last year. The Council is therefore asked to return to the petitioner the sum of \$1750.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Suits Begun, Concluded and Pending in the Courts.

The City Attorney has prepared the following summary of his annual report, presented to the Council on Monday.

Supreme Court, United States: Pending, one. United States Circuit Court: Won, two; pending, six. Superior and State Supreme Court: Won, twenty-nine; lost, six; pending, twenty. Civil suits in Justice Court: Won, two; lost, one; pending, four. Crystal Springs Land and Water Company et al. vs. City—Brought in the Circuit Court to determine title to waters of the Los Angeles River. It was dismissed for want of jurisdiction of the cause, and the plaintiff has appealed to the United States Supreme Court from the judgment of dismissal, claiming that the Circuit Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of the suit.

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THE SUPERVISORS.

Miscellaneous Business and Claim Auditing the Order.

A petition for the erection of a bridge over Ballona Creek at Flower street, near The Palms, was presented, and upon motion of Supervisor Davis it was agreed that the board would visit the premises on December 11. The petitioners represent that the crossing is a very bad one and that during the wet season the water in the creek is too deep to permit the crossing of vehicles.

The application of C. B. Coykendall for a license to conduct a saloon in the Ballona precinct was granted.

The bid of the Oakland Bank of Savings for \$700,000, 7-per-cent school bonds was accepted, a premium of \$39 being offered. The bid of the same institution on the \$1200 Dominguez district 7-per-cent bonds was accepted, the premium being \$288.

Bids on the contract to wind and keep in repair for one year the clocks in the Courthouse tower were received from three parties—two offering to take the job for \$75 and one for \$50. The bids were taken under advisement.

The board has decided to allow of its time during the past two or three days to an inspection of claims presented against the county during the past month.

THE SEPULVEDA ESTATE.

A Wrangle in Progress Before Judge Van Dyke.

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The property involved is a portion of the old Sepulveda estate, April 17, 1891. Maria Elzalde de Sepulveda, deceased, over to her son Ramon D. Sepulveda a large interest in the Rancho Palos Verdes, which was a part of the vast estate formerly owned by the Sepulveda family.

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Another important point brought out in the case is that Senora Sepulveda, by the death of her husband, came into a life interest in the whole estate. Afterward one of the sons died and she came in with her other children for a share of the son's interest in the estate. Several months later another child died and another division was made. The question now arises as to whether the second son's interest in the estate plus the interest he inherited by the death of the first son who died.

One of the attorneys for the defendants said yesterday that in his opinion the proceedings brought in by the plaintiff are a waste of time and money, and that he would prefer a withdrawal from the contest was, in all probability, an important incentive in the proceedings.

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Judge Smith again declared that he did not believe the old bonds excessive, and he believed the old bonds excessive. "Well—all right," replied Pendleton. "We will have a candidate for the insane asylum upon our hands after a while, if this thing keeps up, that's all."

"There'll be two crazy men," interposed one of the associate attorneys for the defense, "and one of them will be G. J. Griffith."

McINTYRE "IN A STEW."

"Didn't Get No Money from No body"—Investigated.

C. I. McIntyre was on long pins yesterday. He started in early in the morning to explain to every acquaintance he met that he had not accepted \$100 from Frank R. Nicholson to hang the Compton jury, and that he had never visited the office of Compton's attorney while the trial was on. After devoting his energies for a while to an attempt to prove that he was innocent, McIntyre was called to the grand jury. When he appeared in the presence of that august body he was told to come around at a certain hour in the afternoon. Thereupon he proceeded to put into the ear of Dist. Atty. Donnelly his tale of woe.

"I'm entirely innocent of this bribery charge brought against me," he said, "and I'll prove to the world that I'm right before I get through with this trial. I did not visit Shinn's office during the trial, and I did not receive the charges under which he is resting. He conspired to enlighten his inquisitors, however, with the startling announcement that he 'didn't receive no money from Nicholson or nobody.'"

NICHOLSON GAINS TIME.

Hearing in Bribery Case Postponed Till This Morning.

The hearing in the case of Frank R. Nicholson, charged with contempt of court in an alleged attempt to bribe Juror George A. Longfellow in the Compton forgery case, was to have come up before Judge Smith yesterday at 2 p.m. Owing to the arguments in the Davis forgery case being in progress at that hour, an order for a continuance was made till 10 o'clock this morning. At that time the decks will be clear, and Nicholson will be given an opportunity to establish his boasted innocence of the felony he is charged with having committed.

BRACHER GETS FIVE YEARS.

Grows Insolent in Court and Gets the Worst of It.

H. Bracher, a gray-haired man of not less than 60 years, was sentenced to Folsom by Judge Smith yesterday for a term of five years for grand larceny. Bracher pleaded guilty to having stolen a horse and buggy and was given the fullest extent of the law.

After entering his plea of guilty Judge Smith made the formal interrogation, "Have you any legal cause why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?"

Bracher shuffled about for a moment and then blurted out: "Well, I guess the legal business in the case cuts more figure than the moral and."

"I don't quite understand that," interrupted the court.

"Well, I don't got nothin' more to say," responded the prisoner; and he pleaded guilty, and I guess that's enough, ain't it?"

"It is the judgment of this court," said Judge Smith, "that you be confined in the Folsom Prison for the period of five years," and Bracher was led from the courtroom.

IN JUROR IRVINE'S MEMORY.

Tribute to the Departed Brother Before the Grand Jury.

A tribute to the late George Irvine, who was a member of the grand jury now in session, was paid by a former fellow-member in formally announcing the death of Mr. Irvine before the body. He said, in part:

"It is true that I knew him only as a juror, but upon a longer acquaintance I found him to be all that his intimate friends claimed for him. . . . On the evening previous to his death, when I had him good night, and said to him, 'We will meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to do our committee work,' he responded, full of life and hope, 'Yes, a good night, sharp.'"

"How well I remember that last 'good night.'"

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Miscellaneous Driftwood Thrown into the Courts.

INCORPORATED. The Associated Mutual Trust and Investment Company has filed articles of incorporation with the County Clerk. The capital stock is \$30,000, all of which has been actually subscribed. The purpose of the association is the transaction of a general real estate business, and the fulfillment of such trust obligations as may be delegated. The directors are W. W. Beckett, R. E. Williamson, H. H. Coffey, C. H. Howland, E. B. Powell, all of Los Angeles city, where the business will be transacted.

FORECLOSURES. Suits in foreclosure have been filed with the County Clerk as follows: Cornelius Connell vs. R. R. Bellman and wife; lot 2 of Hough's tract, Los Angeles city, \$150. Thomas Brooks vs. A. S. Robbins et al.; lot 10 of Griff's tract, Los Angeles city, \$6200.

INSANITY. John F. Pickett was committed to the Insane Asylum at Highland by Judge Clark yesterday. Pickett is a young man and evidently owes his present condition to the excessive use of opium and alcohol. He labored under the hallucination that he had owned considerable wealth which had been stolen from him.

Mrs. D. C. Barber led the meeting of the Ruskin Art Club yesterday morning, which was devoted to the consideration of the early period of painting in Flanders and early painting in Germany. Among those who contributed sketches and descriptions of famous paintings were Meses. W. E. Dunn, E. Rule, Crow, Washburn, Stillman, Dale, Koefel, Clark, Hibbard, Bradley, the Misses Crow, Garbner, Davis, Annie Wetheren and Elizabeth Marble.

DIVORCED. Anna Morris was granted a divorce from E. J. Morris on the grounds of desertion and failure to provide, yesterday by Judge Shaw. The defendant is a night watchman at the Whittier reform school.

At New York Hotels.

BUSINESS.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE TIMES.
Los Angeles, Dec. 8.
THE WEST LENDS MONEY. An eastern financial paper notes the remarkable fact that some western money has recently been seeking employment in eastern business securities. This is quite a new departure, and emphasizes the fact that prosperity is spreading throughout the western part of the country.

THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT. The past year has been a record-breaking one at the San Francisco Mint. There are two leading features of interest in the history of the year relating to the mint. One is that since August first, it has been swelling the total coinage of the United States with a larger flood of gold than in any previous year, and the other that, since the same date, the mint has been unable to supply the greatly increased demand for \$5-gold pieces and smaller silver which the wave of prosperity has brought about in the business of the country. The San Francisco Examiner says:

"The gold coined during the calendar year to December 1 amounts to \$30,000,000, and the coinage for December will make the total over \$34,000,000. In 1896 the total gold coinage was \$22,920,000. Only twice in the history of the mint has this year's record been exceeded. In 1878 the gold coinage was \$28,000,000, and in 1879 it was \$28,209,500. In only one other year, in 1877, was the \$30,000,000 mark passed. But this year the mint has been coining gold at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a month, as compared with twelve months in these banner years. Had operations not been suspended during all of July when the settlement of the affairs and its transfer to the new superintendent, Frank A. Leach, were in progress, the gold coinage for the year would have exceeded that of 1879. As it is, the record is broken by the average monthly rate and by the output for September, which was the largest of any month in the history of the mint, since its establishment in 1854, has coined more than half the total gold coinage of the United States in all its history. During the three months of August, September and October the coinage of double eagles alone was \$14,100,000. For some years the average monthly rate of the total coinage has been about \$2,000,000."

It is interesting to know in connection with this brilliant record that during those three great years in gold coinage, which were also the banner years for silver coinage, the mint was coining silver with two shifts of employees, and the capacity of the mint was thus doubled. There are now nearly 40 per cent. fewer employees than in 1879. Silver coinage is also going on at a rapid rate, and will approach \$7,000,000 for the year. During November 600,000 silver dollars were coined, and the total silver coinage for this month will approximate \$750,000. All this increase has come along with the new prospect in the four months from August 1 to December 1, over \$20,000,000 in gold and silver has been cracked out by the busy coiner. A. T. Sargent, the new superintendent of the mint, struck a number of coins struck was 1,264,000.

There are two reasons for the phenomenal output of milled gold the last half of the year. One is the increase in the gold production on the Pacific Coast, and the other and chief one is the heavy imports of gold from Australia. In payment for heavy wheat shipments, and the general balance of trade in our favor. In one month \$3,500,000 in English sovereigns were sent to Australia, and about \$10,000,000 of Her Majesty's gold coins have gone into Uncle Sam's melting pots on Fifth street in the last four months. "But with all its activity the mint was unable during the busy season of fall trade to supply the demand for small change throughout the States, and all the Pacific Coast harvests were large, business was brisk and the call for the smaller coins was great. The mint felt this demand through the United States Sub-treasury, through banks and through individuals who came to the mint for the exchange of eagles to exchange for smaller coins. At times there would be quite a line of men with these bags of gold at the cashier's window, and the heavy work felt the crowding of the new era of prosperity from the moment he took his seat in his new office.

During August and September, October and November there was coined \$1,300,000 in five-dollar pieces alone. This was much more than double the entire coinage of that denomination during the year 1896, yet the demand for half-eagles was so great that it could not be supplied, and at the same time the coiner, who was keeping busy all the dies of this denomination he had, was nearly three weeks behind the orders. The demand for these coins has lessened, and there are a few cooling at the mint.

The demand for half-dollars is still more than the mint can supply. During the three months from August 1 to the coinage of this denomination was \$257,000. They are scarce, and are made, and go out as fast as they are made, mainly to the Sub-treasury. During 1896 the coinage of 10-cent pieces was \$38,790. During the three months mentioned it was \$70,000, or 700,000 pieces, and the public wanted more. The tale of the quarters is a similar one.

The class of competition could be at the mint in exchange for gold during the four months succeeding August 1 was \$600,000, which is only \$100,000 less than the exchange for a year, according to Superintendent Leach, who sees therein another evidence of the greater prosperity that has come with the waning of the year."

COMMERCIAL.
FRAUDULENT ADVERTISING. Any one who travels through the country and keeps an observant eye upon trade conditions cannot fail to have noted in the advertisements of some of the big department stores and other retail establishments, which make a practice of cutting prices, statements in regard to quality and value which are so evidently false that it is a wonder they do not bring down the wrath of the law upon this practice, which is not altogether unknown in Los Angeles, the St. Paul Trade Journal says:

"The class of 'competition' could be very easily traced, were the courts appealed to as they should be, and it was made impossible for an apparently respectable firm to make fraudulent representations through the public press. They manage these things better in Europe and even in England, where sharp practices are more common, and the dealer who must sell in accordance with the law, or not at all."

"A more common, but scarcely less fraudulent device, is the advertising of goods at a very low rate, and confining the offerings to a very few articles or a very sparse stock. Another device is the advertising of 'manufacturers' remnants,' odds and ends of our dress-goods department, and the like, when the most of them are in fact torn and worn or whole pieces of goods for this very sale, and then are often priced higher than when in the piece. 'I would rather see my brother's coat, torn and ragged, than a new one, which is a grave fault brought up in the business of that firm,' said a Twin City professional man, who is a young brother. How can he be honest, mainly and reliably with such a training as this?"

"These considerations may seem to some of our readers quixotic, sentimental and unbusinesslike, but the experience of the world is that no man can induce or allow his employees to deceive and mislead without being pretty soon to suffer in his turn from the dishonesty or false standard of business which he has taught them."

those who try to be honest, industrious and successful in a small way, these should suggest the idea that there are no more warranted in joining business through fraudulent representations than in submitting to direct robbery or injury of any kind.

These methods, and such as these, have awindled millions of confiding people, financially ruined thousands of honest competitors, and sown broadcast a laxness of principle and a cynical contempt for purity of character and purpose, whose expression and results permeates society like a poisonous fountain, supplying the sincerity of Christian profession, the nobler purposes and high hopes of youth, and the veneration and respect which should accompany the advanced years of a life just and charitable toward men and at peace with God."

GENERAL BUSINESS TOPICS.
AN ARBITRATION MOVEMENT. A movement has been started by the more intelligent weavers in the silk mills of Paterson N. J., to form a board of arbitration, composed of employers and employees. By this means many of the meaningless strikes declared with such frequency by operatives in this industry will, it is expected, be rendered unlikely.

A LEGAL DECISION. In the case of the town of Hinckley vs. the Kettle River Railroad Company, the Supreme Court of Minnesota held that where a municipality issues its bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad the maintenance and operation of the road during the life of the railroad company as fixed by its charter or articles of incorporation, is by clear implication either the condition of or the consideration of the grant of aid, and that if during that time the company abandons the operation of its road and tears up and removes its tracks, the aid granted by the municipality is a cause of action against it on common law principles.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

EGGS, BUTTER AND CHEESE.
California eggs are once more on the lay, and eggs are getting scarce. Butter and cheese retain their firmness.
EGGS—Per doz. fresh, 27¢; fancy, 28¢; old, 29¢; cold storage, 30¢; packed, 31¢; butter, 32¢; cheese, 33¢; milk, 34¢; cream, 35¢; fruit, 36¢; vegetables, 37¢; poultry, 38¢; game, 39¢; fish, 40¢; shell, 41¢; oysters, 42¢; clams, 43¢; lobsters, 44¢; crabs, 45¢; shrimp, 46¢; scallops, 47¢; squid, 48¢; cuttlefish, 49¢; eel, 50¢; catfish, 51¢; carp, 52¢; bass, 53¢; trout, 54¢; salmon, 55¢; herring, 56¢; mackerel, 57¢; cod, 58¢; flounder, 59¢; sole, 60¢; rockfish, 61¢; sea bream, 62¢; sea bass, 63¢; sea perch, 64¢; sea trout, 65¢; sea hake, 66¢; sea cod, 67¢; sea haddock, 68¢; sea mackerel, 69¢; sea bream, 70¢; sea bass, 71¢; sea perch, 72¢; sea trout, 73¢; sea hake, 74¢; sea cod, 75¢; sea haddock, 76¢; sea mackerel, 77¢; sea bream, 78¢; sea bass, 79¢; sea perch, 80¢; sea trout, 81¢; sea hake, 82¢; sea cod, 83¢; sea haddock, 84¢; sea mackerel, 85¢; sea bream, 86¢; sea bass, 87¢; sea perch, 88¢; sea trout, 89¢; sea hake, 90¢; sea cod, 91¢; sea haddock, 92¢; sea mackerel, 93¢; sea bream, 94¢; sea bass, 95¢; 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THE DISSOLUTION OF AN INCORPORATION

Owing to the sudden desire of one of the principal shareholders in the incorporation of "THE FASHION FANCY GOODS STORE" to dispose of his stock, it has become compulsory to the remaining shareholders to raise the necessary cash capital to purchase the said stock. At this time of the year, just after the heavy purchases for a Fall and Holiday stock have been made and all importations from foreign countries have arrived, it makes the situation a very serious one. It means the total disruption of this high-class concern and the

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Unless the money is raised and the shares purchased. The management of the store has therefore decided to close its doors today and tomorrow and take inventory of the stock on hand and prepare it for a closing-out sale to begin on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. Inasmuch as this store has bought and handled only the very finest and best qualities in everything pertaining to a first-class, high-grade exclusive fancy goods establishment, the fact will present itself to every one that this sale will be of most important significance and appeals directly to the entire community of Southern California who are interested in buying the best the world affords at prices that will be less than any investing capital could make, buy or import them for. Every article in the establishment will be reduced to a lower price than any merchant in the town, be he the merchant-prince or the merchant-banker, could buy them for at wholesale, import or have them made for. This sale will be the greatest ever held in California, for the simple reason that there are not over three or four such exclusively high-class establishments west of the Missouri River. The stock includes the most popular to the very highest grades the world produces in the following lines: Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Silk Underwear, Woolen and Cotton Underwear, Muslin, Cambric and Swiss Underwear, Silk, Satin and Woolen Dress Waists and Shirt Waists, Fancy Silk, Satin, Moreen and Sateen Skirts and Petticoats, Handkerchiefs in all lines from A to Z, Purses, Belts, Neckwear, Notions, Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Veilings, Ostrich Feather Boas, Flannel and Flannelette Underwear and Dressing Jackets, Art Goods and Holiday Goods, Art Materials, Pieces and Finishings, and a thousand and one other articles too numerous to mention. An endeavor will be made to publish a list of price reductions made in Saturday morning's paper; that is, if we can finish marking down goods in time to prepare copy for the newspapers.

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Questions of Law.

[This department is edited by J. C. Welles, author of "Res Adjudicata," "Queens Law and Fact," "Separate Property of Married Woman," "Jurisdiction of Courts," etc. He will answer all questions of general public interest in this column. Others will be answered by mail without charge, if stamp is inclosed for reply.]

"Park" presents a novel and very interesting question, stated as follows: "It is a general custom at Riverside for orchardists to plant, water and cultivate trees on the line of the sidewalk, which is usually ten feet from the property line. In many cases fruit, nut and olive trees have been grown and are in bearing. Are the trees and crops they bear the property of the city, or of the grower?" This question has never been decided, until the Supreme Court passes upon it an opinion upon the subject, which will be held on either side. The setting out of the trees was in all probability, he held to be a dedication of them to public use, and they would become a part of the eminent domain. The crops, however, after their separation from the trees would be personal property, and a very delicate question of law would arise from that fact. The custom itself would probably govern this as showing the intention, but as these crops are likely at some future day, if not now, to be quite valuable, it would be well for there to be some local legislation upon the subject by the City Council.

A. H. S.—The owner of a lot twenty-five feet wide erected a two-story brick building on his lot, which is designated as lot No. 1, lot being at that time vacant. Instead of building a party wall only twenty-two feet of the lot was covered by the building, and a four-foot stairway erected at the side, extending two feet upon lot No. 2. The owner of lot No. 2, desiring to build, notified the owner of lot No. 1 to cut off one foot of the stairs, so as to bring it to the division line. This not being done at once, the owner of lot No. 2, by his own right, cut off six inches onto lot No. 1. The respondent wants to know if the owner of lot No. 2 had the right to so erect the building as to cover six inches of lot No. 1, and, if not, what the remedy is.

In case of a party wall, the builder has a right to place it one-half upon his land, and the half upon the land adjoining his. In this instance, where the building had already been erected on lot No. 1, and no party wall was therefore necessary, or desirable, the owner of lot No. 2 did not have a right to encroach upon lot No. 1. It appears, however, that the owner of the building was notified and knew that No. 2, and that the stairway was to be cut down. Unless there are other facts than appear in the letter, he is now entopped from claiming damages by reason of his silence at the time of the construction of the wall. He should have objected before the wall was built.

E. R. M. A. purchases land and pays cash for the same, but for private reasons, has the deeds made to his brother in another State, said brother executing a land contract to reconvey the same to A, or assigns at any time within five years, on payment of \$2. About a year later the brother suddenly died, leaving a will disposing of all his property. It is a general rule that, where the money is furnished by one and the title taken in the name of another, a resulting trust is established in favor of the person furnishing the money. In the absence of the land contract mentioned, it would be an easy matter to

enforce this trust, even though the brother was dead. The contract named the money to be such a form as to change the form of the trust to an absolute one, which would require a little different proceeding to settle. If it does not do this in terms, it is such a contract that a suit can be brought for its specific performance. Suit in any event must be filed in the county or counties in which the land is situated. Under no circumstances could the heirs of the deceased brother obtain any title to the property, and such being the case, it ought not to be difficult to obtain proper deeds from them, in which case, no suit will be necessary. If any of the heirs are minors, guardians must be appointed and an order of court obtained directing the conveyance to be made.

M. B. B. has a farm surrounded by other farms except on one end. Recently a railroad company fenced in its right-of-way, which was formerly used as a wagon road to the first public crossing, which renders the farm entirely inaccessible. A private right-of-way overland and easement and an interest in the land, which may be acquired by prescription. This requires five years' user. The railroad company not only had a right, but it was its duty, to fence in its right-of-way, but it had no right to interfere with the correspondent's easement. If the right-of-way could be fenced in so as to leave a private way outside of the fence, this should have been done. If not, gates must be provided by the railroad company, by which the correspondent can have access to his farm.

A. H. L. asks what the difference is between a deed and an escrow. A deed differs from an escrow in one particular only, and that is in its delivery. To make the deed an escrow the parties must have bargained and sold and performed every act necessary to constitute a complete contract, and the deed must then be deposited with a third person, to be by him delivered to the grantee upon the performance by him of some conditions.

H. K. L. executed a deed to a party who asked to be allowed to take the instrument to a lawyer for the purpose of having its sufficiency passed upon. Instead of doing this or paying the purchase money, he recorded the deed and sold the property. No title passed by a deed obtained in this way, even though it was genuine, and was entirely complete except the delivery. A deed does not pass title until its delivery, and if its possession is secured by the grantee through fraud, the fraud vitiates the delivery.

E. C. B. is the owner of property within the fire limits of a large city. Near his property, also within the fire limits, stood, until a month ago, a frame building. This had been the subject of considerable complaint, and had been condemned and ordered torn down by the building inspector several times, but that official had never torn it down, as he was authorized by city ordinance to do. The frame structure was fire, and was burned to the ground, together with several other buildings, two of which belonged to the correspondent. The fire marshal ordered several structures torn down at the time of the fire, for the purpose of preventing the further spread of the conflagration. The correspondent states that one of his buildings thus torn down was so situated that it could not have burned, and was not a menace to other property, and asks if its destruction does not entitle him to damages, as the taking of private property for public purposes. He is not entitled

to damages upon this ground, as a building standing in the way of a fire and endangering other property, constitutes a nuisance, of a character that can be summarily abated, and the city is not answerable in damages for the mistake in judgment of a fire marshal. He can, however, recover damages from the city for not only the building torn down, but for those burned on the ground of negligence in allowing the unsafe structure to stand within the fire limits contrary to law, and its dangerous character was known to the city officials. A city is liable for damages caused by fire on account of negligence in not tearing down such a building upon the same principle that it is liable for damages caused by an unsafe sidewalk.

J. L. T. invested several thousand dollars in town lots in a place that was supposed would become a city, but which, at the present time, has no inhabitants and no prospects of ever having any. The circulars of the company and advertisements of the town site depicted its advantages in very glowing colors, and stated that the public would be benefited by the date of the circulars. The ten years have expired, and there are no inhabitants. Any of the representations are some to the effect that contracts had already been made at that time for the erection of manufacturing establishments that would necessarily give employment to a very large number of men. The directors of the company, who are solvent, allowed their names to be printed as signatures to this advertising matter. They have held meetings annually up to within the past year, and constantly assured the purchasers of lots that the agreements would be carried out. The correspondent has a good cause of action against these solvent directors personally for the recovery of the money he invested, and his claim is not barred by the statute of limitations. A mere recital of advantages of location, no matter how graphically depicted or prophesies for the future, will not give a cause of action. But wherever material allegations of fact are made in the advertising matter of a boom town, such as that contracts have been entered into for the erection of manufacturing establishments, or the building of railroads, which would necessarily enhance the value of property, a just claim for damages may be made if these statements of fact are not true, or the promises made by the company are not carried out. The cause of action does not accrue in such cases until after the company has had a reasonable time within which to perform their agreement, and the repetition of the inducements made in the first place to induce the investments, will keep this case out of the ban of the statutes.

E. R. P.—Where a man deposits money with another man to be loaned out from time to time, the interest to be collected and principal and interest held until called for by the owner of the funds, there is a continuous trust, and if the party in whose hands the money is placed, uses it for his own purposes, he will be held to be a borrower on the terms he could have secured from others.

T. L. B. has the enemy of a man who was the intimate friend of the correspondent's father, who is now deceased. On account of this enmity this man so worked upon the mind of the decedent in his lifetime, that he refused to remember his son in his will. The party making the representations to the father, dictated the will was not himself a legatee, his sole purpose being to prevent the son sharing in his father's estate. If undue influence is proved, the will can be set aside, the person using such influence not being a beneficiary under the instrument does not change the rule as to undue influence.

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